

1. **Dems Attack NBCC Too:** It is all over the news that the Democratic Party is taking its blues out on the US Chamber of Commerce. It appears that a small task force has even been assigned to the NBCC. The National Office has had to send to the Chair of the Senate Small Business Committee about being shut out of recent meetings. It appears that the Majority Chief of Staff of the Senate Small Business Committee (inconsequential transient position) Don Cravins has made disparaging remarks about the NBCC, which has 7 chapters in his home state. Don Cravins is not a friend of ours.

2. **John Harmon Recruits His Congressman:** Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) has entered HR 5010 which would provide the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program for the new High Speed Rail System, \$50 billion. Not one congressional member has stepped forward to co-sponsor this bill until now. NBCC Board Member and New Jersey African American Chamber of Commerce President John Harmon simply called his congressman, Russ Holt (D- Trenton), and asked him to co-sponsor the bill. Ten minutes later he called back and said he would and he did. It is important that you all emulate John's action and get your congressperson on board. We can't believe not one other member of the Congressional Black Caucus has stepped forward yet. Let's get busy!

3. **Contracting Opportunities:** Please visit the www.nationalbcc.org home page on a regular basis to view contracting opportunities around the nation. We post this news as fast as we get it from various members and procurement agencies. Stay in the loop and increase your potential.

4. **Sit Down with Harry C. Alford:** NBCC President/CEO Harry C. Alford will be in St. Louis, MO this week and will visit Houston, TX next week for meetings with NBCC members. Anyone desiring a shot at meeting with HCA should request a meeting via kdebow@nationalbcc.org as he travels throughout the nation – back and forth, up and down.

5. **Ebony Magazine Gets Balance:** We are impressed with the new balanced reporting by Ebony Magazine. The appointment of Desiree Rogers as CEO is having an immediate and positive effect. Check out the November issue of Ebony. We know it has been years for many of you but you will enjoy the [New Ebony](#) .

6. **Fall Summit will Rock!** [Just 40 bucks to register for the fall summit](#) , includes opening reception and lunch. Topics include weatherization training and contract certification, Black Student Union Initiative, Black Church Chapter Initiative, Incorporating Social Media into your Business, Keynote Speaker, Hector Barreto, former SBA Administrator and CEO of The Latino Coalition, Financing Green Projects, Kenyan opportunities presented by Kenyan Ambassador Odembo, NBCC Board Meeting and a meeting of California Chambers and more.

7. **Our New Diversity Recruiting Center:** The NBCC is proud to introduce Diversity Recruiting Center where we are connecting Employers with Talent. For being a valued NBCC member, we are providing you with a special benefit. Log onto Diversity Recruiting Center (

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) and use promo code “NBCC Member” to receive 3 free job postings and a free Featured Employer’s Profile Listing.

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