

1. A Theme for our 19th Annual Convention: In a few days we will be announcing our theme for our convention, July 21 – 23, 2011, in Miami, FL. If you have any suggestions please send them to Kay DeBow at kdebow@nationalbcc.org

immediately. The winning theme provider will receive one roundtrip airline ticket and hotel accommodations during the convention.

2. Contractors/Subcontractors Wanted: The design build joint venture of Fluor-Lane is actively pursuing DBE's for its major I-495 project with Virginia DOT. Currently, they are at 13% DBE participation and are seeking to surpass 15%. This program will become a model for future major projects they perform. Those construction companies seeking opportunities in the Northern Virginia area should contact Linda Fitzpatrick at linda.fitzpatrick@fluor-lane.com

. She is also available for presentations at local chamber events.

3. Kudos to Georgia: We congratulate Georgia Black Chamber President Anna Henderson and her board of directors for putting on an excellent event during their 14th

Annual Prayer Breakfast on January 8, 2011. We also recognize the participation and support of the Metropolitan Atlanta Black Chamber of Commerce and the Columbus, GA Minority Chamber of Commerce at this event.

4. NBCC Interviews with US Chamber of Commerce: President/CEO Harry C. Alford gave an interview with the US Chamber of Commerce discussing the development of Black owned businesses in America. This interview was in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. [\(To read it\)](#)

5. NBCC Board Member Fred Jordan, et al Files Title VI Complaint in California: Appalled at the discriminatory practices of one of the divisions of CALTRANS, our Fred Jordan has put together a very comprehensive Title VI complaint. We consider this a model! Read it and share our pride about Fred [\(here\)](#).

6. Comcast/NBC Joint Venture is Approved! The FCC has officially approved the

Comcast/NBC deal and we look forward to an enhanced relationship with these two companies and expanded opportunities for our broadcasters and advertising companies. Good corporate citizens deserve Federal approval.