

**1. A Pan African Nation:** We spent last week in Trinidad Tobago and enjoyed every second of it. Our hosts, The Emancipation Support Group, headed by Kafra Kambon were truly comprehensive in their program and gracious to us and the other speakers. In addition to all of this, we were introduced to the President of Nigeria, Honorable Goodluck Jonathan, and the Prime Minister of Trinidad, Honorable Kamla Persad-Bissessar. “Frosting on the cake” came when Kafra announced the beginning stages of a NBCC chapter in the nation. God bless Trinidad Tobago and we look forward to many returns in the future. Look forward to my article in the future entitled “Notes from Trinidad Tobago”.

**2. A Great Opportunity:** On **August 29, 2012 at 11:30AM**, Clark/Smoot/Russell Joint Venture, Construction Manager for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC), is hosting a networking opportunity for small businesses to meet with potential bidders for the Structural Steel and Above Ground Mechanical and Electrical packages. In addition, learn about contracting opportunities for Fire Sprinkler, Jack and Boring and Geothermal Wells. Networking begins at 11:30AM on the construction site in the CSR Conference Trailer located at Constitution Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup>

Street NW, Washington, DC. Any questions contact Chrystal Stowe at [cstowe@srsmoor.com](mailto:cstowe@srsmoor.com)

**3. Member of the Week:** Congratulations to Aldrica Lattimore, Accurate Engineering Integrated Construction Services, Inc., for being named SBA Champion Business of the Year – 2012. This sister makes us proud! [www.accurateengineeringics.com](http://www.accurateengineeringics.com)

**4. Kudos from the Governor:** “Dear Harry: ...Because you have demonstrated excellence in energy leadership, as Governor, I formally invite you to speak during the Governor’s Energy Summit. You will present to energy officials, state and local government representatives, the business community, the academic community, public policy experts, economic development professionals, and students. I am confident that you, as an industry expert, can help increase awareness of the realities and opportunities in energy. Sincerely, Phil Bryant, Governor of Mississippi.” We are going!

**5. Photos/Videos from the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention:** [Thanks to Kendra Dee Photography for the fabulous pictures of our event.](#)

Visit our photo/video gallery and see snapshots from our 20<sup>th</sup>

Annual Convention held at the beautiful Four Seasons Hotel, Atlanta, GA.  
[It was fantastic!!](#)