

# **MEA Magazine**

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## Press Release

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### **Federal Business Forum & Technology Business Executives Awards Luncheon 2016**

*“Celebrating Excellence & Success”*

Washington – (April 22, 2016) – MEA Magazine is hosting our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Federal Business Forum on **Tuesday, May 31, 2016** from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the **Walter E. Washington Convention Center** located at 801 Mount Vernon, Washington, D.C. For over 12 years, MEA has been the premier source of news and information for government and industry personnel about strategies and developments that impact the country’s ability to achieve the advantages of contracting with exceptional small businesses.

The Federal Business Forum 2016 gives you the opportunity to hear and meet one-on-one with government and industry leaders who fill crucial roles in making and executing the policies affecting small business.

Our Keynote Speaker is **Janice Glover-Jones**, CIO for Defense Intelligence Agency; Guest speakers include **Gloria Pualani**, Corporate Director Global Supplier Diversity, **Northrop Grumman**; Invited speaker is DoD Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing & Industrial Base Policy, **Andre Gudger**. Our host is **Barbara Gray**, President and CEO of **Gray Matters Technology**. A **Panel Discussion with Federal Agencies with Q & A** will be hosted by **Thomas Johnson**, President of **Set-Aside Alert**.

Participating Agencies: **U.S. Army; U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency; U.S. General Services Administration; National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, U.S. Justice Department; Nuclear Regulatory Commission – Topic: Procurement Opportunities, What They Buy and Approach to Doing Business with Them.**

Special Awards Recipients: **Debbi Jarvis**, VP Corporate Citizenship and Social Responsibility, **Pepco Holdings, Inc.** – *“Civic & Community Achievement Award”*; **Darryl K. Washington**, CEO, **DKW Communications** – *“Leadership & Excellence Award”*; **Cynthia Washington**, CEO, **Washington Concepts**, - *“Small Business Executive of the Year Award”*; **Sandra Broadnax**, Director, Small Business Programs, **National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency**- *“Small Business Advocate of the Year Award”*; **Sharon Moore Jackson**, Acting Executive Director, **Prince George’s County Office of Central Services, SDDD** – *“Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year Award”*; **Towanda Livingston**, SLMBE Office Director, **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission** – *“Supplier Diversity Executive of the Year Award”*; **Kevin Coby**, CEO, **SITEC** – *“Technology Executive of the Year Award”*; **Annette Johnson, CEO, CMT Services**, - *“Entrepreneur of the Year Award”*; **Corinda Davis**, President, **Beyond-the-Bottom Line, Inc.** – *“Financial Executive of the Year Award.”*

During the conference you will meet important Federal government officials; bankers who understand the needs of small business contractors and the differences in the business models of commercial and government business; large companies that subcontract with small companies and enter into formal mentor-protégé agreements to help their small partners grow; highly capable small companies that want to team to win government work, either as a prime or a subcontractor; and match-making opportunities.

Lunch will be served. The event is sponsored by MEA Magazine; Northrop Grumman; and Heart & Soul. Call 703-730-4091 or email [dwilliams@meamagazine.com](mailto:dwilliams@meamagazine.com) for more information.

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