



## Talking Feather News for the week of February 16, 2009

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### Upcoming Events



### **Southern California MBOD Pacific Palms Resort & Conference Center Industry Hills, CA February 21, 2009**

The “**MBOD Minority Business Opportunity Day**” hosted by the Southern California Minority Business Development Council exposes minority business to progressive workshops and seminars that optimize business potential and enhance business growth. This year’s trade show takes place on **February 21, 2009** at the Pacific Palms Resort and Conference Center, One Industry Hills Parkway, Industry Hills California, 91744. For more information, call Ms. Shawn Smith at (213) 689-6940 or email [ssmith@scmbdc.org](mailto:ssmith@scmbdc.org).



### **SMSSDC Trade Fair Radisson Hill Country San Antonio, TX March 11-12, 2009**

The **Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council** hosts this event on **March 11-12, 2009** at the Radisson Hill Country in San Antonio, TX. This event will provide an interactive venue for diversity personnel to share ideas with each other, techniques they can use to maintain, improve, or expand the initiative of diversity within their company. For more information, visit [www.cstmbsc.org](http://www.cstmbsc.org) or call Eva Leos at 512-386-8766.



**National Reservation Economic Summit  
Las Vegas Hilton  
Las Vegas, NV  
March 9-12, 2009**

**The National Reservation Economic Summit (RES)** will provide opportunities for American Indian suppliers to meet corporate and government buyers, to market their organizations and companies, and to network and negotiate potential contracts. This year's summit takes place **March 9-12, 2009** at the **Las Vegas Hilton** and is hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. Please see [www.ncaied.org](http://www.ncaied.org) for more information.



**WBENC 2009 Summit  
Gaylord National Resort  
National Harbor, MD  
March 25-26, 2009**

**The Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)** is proud to host the 2009 Summit. This year's theme is "The Bridge to Quality." This event will take place **March 25-26, 2009** at the **Gaylord National Resort Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD**. This summit will feature panels, educational workshops, and industry meetings designed for WBEs. For more information please contact Paige Adams at [padams@wbenc.org](mailto:padams@wbenc.org) or 202-872-5515 ext 8020.



**Partners for Profit Trade Fair 2009  
Oneida Radisson Hotel  
Green Bay, WI  
April 14, 2009**

**The Partners for Profit 2009 Trade Fair** is a business networking event designed to create new markets for suppliers, and new sources for buyers, and to enable MBEs the opportunity to identify current marketplace needs. The 2009 Trade Fair will take place on **April 14, 2009** at The Oneida Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI. 54313. For more information, visit <http://pfp2009.eventbrite.com/>.



## **Bowling Networking Event Lucky Strike Lanes Novi, MI April 2009**

The **Native American Business Alliance** is happy to announce that we will host a fundraiser and bowling networking event at Lucky Strike Lanes in Novi, MI. This fun event will be coming your way in April, stay tuned for more information on the date, time, and how you can participate!



## **MI Minority Procurement Conference Cobo Conference Center Detroit, MI May 5-7, 2009**

This conference and trade fair hosted by the **Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council** will feature two days of skills building workshops, renowned speakers, networking opportunities and over 400 exhibit booths at the trade fair. This event will take place **May 5-7, 2009 at Cobo Conference Center in Detroit, MI**. For more information visit, [www.mmbdc.com](http://www.mmbdc.com).



## **NABA Fund Annual Business And Procurement Conference July 19-20, 2009 Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort Mt. Pleasant, MI**

**New Date to announce!** You won't want to miss the **Native American Business Alliance Fund Annual Business and Procurement Conference** being held on **July 19-20, 2009** at the beautiful Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort, 6800 East Soaring Eagle Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48854. This year's theme is, "Evolve, Prosper, and Succeed." Sponsorships are available; if you are interested please call the NABA office at 248-988-9344. This conference will feature many networking and business opportunities, golf networking session, informative workshops, and more! More information coming soon. Registration will begin in March 2009.

## **Facts For Your Health:**

**American Heart Month:** February is American Heart Month. The goal is to educate about heart disease and stroke, a leading killer among Americans, as well as to raise funds for treatment and research.

During this month, the American Heart Association urges you to “Take your Heart and your Health into your own hands.” Know your family history of heart disease, as well as the warning signs of a stroke or heart attack. Warning signs of a heart attack include discomfort or tightening of the chest, discomfort in one or both arms, the neck, jaw, or back, shortness of breath, lightheadedness, and/or nausea. Warning signs of a stroke include weakness or numbness of the face or extremities, especially on one side of the body, dizziness or loss of balance, trouble speaking or seeing, and/or sudden severe headache. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms call 911 immediately.

A healthy lifestyle can greatly reduce your chance of suffering a heart attack or stroke. Manage your weight with exercise and healthy food choices. Don't smoke! Know your family history of heart disease or stroke. Share this information with someone you care about. Know the warning signs and act quickly. Schedule a visit with your doctor today to discuss your risk factors. For more information, visit the American Heart Association at [www.Americanheart.org](http://www.Americanheart.org).

## Announcements:

NABA will roll out our online Learning Center in March! This unique benefit to our members will offer online educational courses on topics such as business development and minority certification. More information coming soon on how you can take advantage of this opportunity!

The U.S. Senate has passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 09 which includes 2.7 Billion in economic stimulus projects for Indian Country. This funding will improve areas such as Indian construction, housing, IHS health facilities, schools, reservation road programs, tribal clean water grants, community development, and food distribution programs. For more information, please see our website.

A big THANK YOU to our members who have paid their 2009 membership dues on time. Your continued support allows NABA to run efficiently and bring new and exciting programs and events such as our Online Learning Center and Bowling Networking Events. If you haven't paid your 2009 membership dues, please send in the payment today. Feel free to call Victoria Guzman at the NABA office with any questions you may have regarding your dues.

A big THANK YOU to our members who have responded to our emails in search of those who can provide services to the medical field. Stay tuned for more information on how you might be able to provide your service to this medical provider!

The MDOT's Office of Business Development, located at the Detroit Welcome Center, 2nd Floor, 2835 Bagley Street, Detroit, Michigan, will host DBE & Prime Networking Sessions on the second Wednesday of Each Month. For more information or to register, call Ermena Constantine at 248 967 0570 ext 210 or email [Constantinee@michigan.gov](mailto:Constantinee@michigan.gov).

“It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow.”- Robert H. Goddard