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Upcoming Events



Comcast RISE Grant Program hosted by Comcast Business application process closes on Saturday, January 15, 2022

Recently, small businesses have been dealing with the ongoing impact of the pandemic, social unrest, and environmental events. Small businesses owned by people of color have been some of the hardest hit. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, between February and April 2020, the number of active Black-owned businesses declined by 41%, Latinx-owned businesses declined by 32%, and Asian-owned businesses dropped by 25%, versus just 21% for the general population. Comcast RISE was created to invest in the success of these critical businesses by providing valuable and practical support.

There are separate applications for the marketing and technology services awards and the Comcast RISE Investment Fund. Eligible business owners may apply for either, or both programs.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#)

2021 Virtual Contractor College Sessions hosted by University of Maryland Medical System

Tuesdays, November 2, 2021 – December 21, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Classes to provide information and training to Small Businesses and Minority Business Enterprises to better position them to win work with large Construction Managers/General Contractors, larger subcontractors/vendors, as well as other Owners

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To register, RSVP to Dawn hall at dhall4@umm.edu

**Virtual Equity First Speaker Series
hosted by Associated Black Charities
and Comcast Tuesday, November 9, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

In the next installment of Equity First will feature Clarence Wooten - Silicon Valley serial entrepreneur, futurist, and tech strategist. Mr. Wooten is Entrepreneur in Residence at X (formerly Google X) and Co-Founding General Partner at Revitalize.

In a one-on-one interview with Diane Bell McKoy of ABC, Mr. Wooten will talk about growing up in Baltimore and his vision for Black and Brown people to "prosper in place": Can we succeed without having to escape? What is a "social equity moonshot"? Is tech the great equalizer? Join us live on November 9th to ponder this and more with one of Baltimore's own!

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**2021 Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards hosted by
Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC)
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
Morgan State University
Calvin and Tina Tyler Hall
University Student Center
1700 E. Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21218**

The Bridging the Gap initiative is dedicated to evolving the business culture of Greater Baltimore by developing and fostering relationships between majority, minority, and women-owned businesses. In addition to promoting a culture of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all organizations, the Bridging the Gap initiative provides targeted support and programming to help minority and women-owned businesses in Greater Baltimore succeed and grow.

Each year, through the Bridging the Gap Achievement Awards, the GBC recognizes

exceptional minority, women-owned, majority businesses and executives who nurture the development of minority and women-owned businesses in Greater Baltimore and Maryland.

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

**New Socioeconomic Programs and Bonding Virtual Presentation hosted by
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Office of
Procurement and Materials
Monday, November 15, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

WMATA's Small Business Programs Office will discuss three new socioeconomic programs, the Minority Business Enterprise program, the Small Business Program and the Micro Business Program; how the programs can better position your business for growth; and how to apply to be certified.

Additionally Chris Smith of Anderson & Catania Surety Services will present on small business bonding. The majority of WMATA solicitations will require you to be bonded, let WMATA help you be prepared for that opportunity.

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**Virtual Equity First Speaker Series hosted by
Associated Black Charities and Comcast
Tuesday, November 30, 2021
6:30 p.m.**

For the fourth and final virtual session of *Equity First | a speaker series*, ABC is honored to host global media leader, philanthropist, producer, and actress Oprah Winfrey in a one-on-one interview led by ABC's President and CEO, Diane Bell-McKoy. The evening's conversation will explore Ms. Winfrey's experiences in Baltimore and her search for career equity, her approach to creating and maintaining authentic relationships, and her perspective on finding one's personal value within the imposed systems of our society.

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**2021 Virtual Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC)
Annual Conference
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 & Thursday December 9, 2021
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

For nearly 30 years, ICIC has worked with and celebrated high-growth small businesses in under-resourced communities that are economic catalysts for their neighborhoods. This year's Annual Conference brings together our dynamic network of program participants, alumni, and collaborators to celebrate the resilience of the extraordinary entrepreneurs in our community who continue to battle through the economic uncertainty brought on by the pandemic. The conference marks the culmination of the [Inner City Capital Connections \(ICCC\) program](#) as well as the reveal of the annual [Inner City 100 awards](#), celebrating the 100 fastest-growing businesses in under-resourced communities across the country.

This year's virtual conference will be hosted over two days in December and will feature educational content relevant to the economic impact of the ongoing pandemic, high-profile keynote addresses, and multiple networking opportunities with more than 1,000 business owners from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Attendees will leave the conference with strengthened business recovery strategies to help build capacity, remain agile, and emerge stronger as they lead their companies into 2022.

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**Minority Outreach Fair hosted by Maryland Live! Casino & Hotel
Friday, December 10, 2021
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel Event Center,
7002 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover MD, 21076**

The Minority Outreach Fair is intended to assist your company in identifying work and/or contractual opportunities with top prime companies and government agencies. There is so much valuable and worthwhile information distributed at this event that arriving when the event begins at 8:00am is a good idea to accomplish your goals and identify

business for your company to pursue.

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Workshops

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