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ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH INITIATIVE



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**Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center ARRA Advocacy and Outreach Initiative  
Co-hosts Pittsburgh MBE Procurement Summit**

Philadelphia, PA – The [Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center ARRA Advocacy and Outreach Initiative](#), Allegheny County and other partners are co-hosting a procurement summit for minority business enterprises interested in pursuing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contract opportunities. The Pittsburgh Procurement Summit will bring together minority business enterprises for one-on-one networking with prime contractors, and representatives from the state and local agencies with stimulus-funded projects.

Funded by the [U.S. Minority Business Development Agency](#), the PA MBEC ARRA Advocacy and Outreach Initiative is a joint project of The Enterprise Center and the Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center. Our mission is to promote minority business inclusion in the economic recovery of the United States.

“I am encouraged by the level of participation by state and local agencies. Minority businesses want to share in ARRA opportunities and contribute to the economic recovery of the commonwealth. To do so, they must have access to timely information. The Pittsburgh Procurement Summit will be our third business-to-business forum. We are using outreach events and [social media](#) to share information about stimulus-funded contract and grant opportunities.”

“Allegheny County has been working to ensure that minority businesses have the opportunity and ability to participate in projects created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act,” said [Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato](#). “We are proud to partner in this effort and I want to encourage minority business owners to attend this seminar to learn how to effectively grow their business, creating new jobs for our region.”

The Pittsburgh Procurement Summit will be held on Friday, December 4, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the [Engineers’ Society of Western Pennsylvania](#), located at 337 Fourth Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh.

**About The Enterprise Center**

Founded in 1989, The Enterprise Center provides access to capital, building capacity, business education and economic development opportunities to high-potential minority entrepreneurs. Through our portfolio of business acceleration initiatives, TEC seeks to better position minority enterprises to compete in the local, regional, and global economies.

Website: <http://www.theenterprisecenter.com>

About the Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center

The Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center, the region's leader in minority business development services, is a program of the Enterprise Center. Funded by the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, PAMBEC focuses on offering three vital services to minority businesses: professional consultants, access to capital and contract procurement opportunities. Since 2004, PAMBEC has generated over \$290,000,000 in contracts and capital for MBEs and created hundreds of jobs in the Greater Philadelphia region.

Website: <http://www.pa-mbec.com>

#### About Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

As home to some of the most prestigious health care, educational and cultural institutions in the world, Allegheny County is guaranteed to provide exciting opportunities for individuals of all ages. In the past decade, Allegheny County has undergone a dramatic renaissance. Today, our County boasts burgeoning technology and medical industries, a premier airport, a world-renowned cultural district and a renewed commitment to the environment, including reclaiming and redeveloping former industrial sites to return them to active economic and recreational uses.

Website: <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/index.aspx>

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