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**Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center ARRA Advocacy and Outreach Initiative  
Co-Sponsors Certified MBE Technology and ARRA Expo Forum**

Philadelphia, PA – The Pennsylvania Minority Business Enterprise Center ARRA Advocacy and Outreach Initiative is co-sponsoring a procurement summit with the Sharing the Wealth Technology Consortium. The business-to-business forum will focus on Information Technology contracting opportunities at the federal, state and local levels.

The Sharing the Wealth Technology and ARRA Expo Forum will bring together certified minority-owned businesses that are interested in pursuing stimulus-funded and non-stimulus-funded contracting opportunities in Information Technology, including energy, broadband, health, education, nanotechnology, enviro-technology and biotechnology. The Expo Forum will help minority business enterprises identify information technology opportunities and get informed about Pennsylvania's certification process for IT contracts.

Pre-screened MBEs will have one-on-one meetings with representatives from state agencies, including the departments of Education, Environmental Protection, General Services, Health, Labor & Industry, and Public Welfare, and network with prime contractors.

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.

"The stimulus package has three principal goals: stabilize the economy, save and create jobs, and invest in the future," said Della Clark, president of the Enterprise Center. "The Sharing the Wealth Technology and ARRA Expo Forum will help minority-owned businesses identify IT and stimulus-funded projects. Minority businesspeople must be creative in seizing both stimulus- and non-stimulus funded opportunities and preparing themselves for future economic growth."

The Expo Forum will be held on Friday, November 13, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg Capitol Complex, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

**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.

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