



Get Ready, Get Set... For BOC 2019 “Embracing the Future of Our Economy”

We look forward to engaging with our MBEs, Corporate Partners, CVMSDC supporters and prospective new members during BOC 2019; August 5-6 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I encourage you to bring the whole family before school begins and enjoy all that Virginia Beach has to offer.

We are thankful to our Title Sponsors: **Ferguson and the Virginia Beach Department of Economic Development**; our BOC 2019 Event Sponsors, and our Annual Partners for your support. Know that as we prepare for the conference, CVMSDC is seeking additional sponsors and volunteers to make this an outstanding event for all.

This 42nd annual Business Opportunity Conference will include a Scholarship Golf Tournament, an Awards Banquet, a variety of engaging workshops, 1:1 matchmaking opportunities, an MBE reverse trade show, a Leadership Breakfast, an Economic Luncheon, networking time, and an opportunity to give back to our selected charity, Southeastern Virginia Food Bank. **Registration opens February 18.**

We have an A-list of speakers and workshop facilitators designed to appease the appetites of our Corporate Partners and all levels of business owners. We are also very excited to feature a keynote update from our very own **NMSDC President & CEO Adrienne Trimble.**

Get ready for an action-packed conference, beginning with our charity golf tournament sponsored by the **Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD)** at the prestigious, picturesque **Princess Anne Country Club**, on the morning of August 5th. Register early to reserve your spot on the golf course and take advantage of the available golf sponsorship opportunities.

On August 5th – Day 1 > in addition to golf, take part in valuable workshops and network at our Annual Awards Banquet - Scholarship Auction. **On August 6th – Day 2** > MBEs will showcase their companies in a reverse trade show, schedule 1:1 matchmaking sessions with our Corporate Partners, and ALL will participate in the Leadership Breakfast and the closing Economic Luncheon with Adrienne Trimble.

As we join together in Embracing the Future of Our Economy, we must build on our history, maximize our present, and plan for the future. As our economic landscape changes, the plans we create will solidify the viability of Minority Business Enterprises. Seeking, understanding, and retooling will help us prepare to take advantage of new opportunities on the horizon.

I look forward to personally meeting each of you at BOC 2019, August 5-6 in Virginia Beach. Our host hotel is the Hilton – Virginia Beach Oceanfront. Be sure to book early under the CVMSDC room block to reserve your room. We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dominique Milton', written in a cursive style.

Dominique Milton
CVMSDC President & Chief Engagement Officer