Monday, August 14, 2017

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast – Wynfrey D&E
8:00 am Marketplace Expo Hall Opens
8:00 am - 8:45 am CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY & WELCOME

Location: Riverchase A&B

Invocation – Min. Reginald Gibson, Word of Faith Global Ministries, Birmingham, AL

Color Guard – Fairfield High School JROTC

OPENING ADDRESS, WELCOME REMARKS AND GREETINGS

- John R. Cooper, ALDOT Transportation Director
- Lamar Woodham, ALDOT Deputy Director of Administration
- Dr. Ken Tucker, President of The University of West Alabama
- Clarence Hampton, Bureau Chief, Compliance & Business Opportunities
- Congresswoman Terri Sewell, Seventh District Alabama

9:00 am - 10:00 am GENERAL SESSION
Why Should I do Business with You? .... The Elevator Pitch
Curtis Webb, Tyler Group

Presiding: Freeman Webber
Location: Riverchase A&B

10:15 am – 11:15 am CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Session 1: “Relationships 3xS – Secret Sauce” The Power Principal of One to One Connections
Speaker: Alice Gordon-Holloway, CEO, SKYE Connect, Inc.

Moderator: Ronica Ondocsin
Location: Riverchase A

Session 2: Effective Networking for Business Building
Speaker: Yvette Rice, President, LLVE, Inc.

Moderator: Shari Stoudemire
Location: Riverchase B

11:15 am - 12:45 pm

**DBE CONFERENCE LUNCHEON**

Keynote Speaker
Mr. Robert Wallace – President/CEO/Founder, BITHGROUP Technologies, Inc. CEO/Founder BITHENERGY, Inc. FoundeEntreTech Learning Systems LLC, Affiliate Professor of Business, Loyola University

Presiding: Donald Mills
Location: Wynfrey D&E

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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Moderator: Shona Meadows
Location: Riverchase A

Session 2: Effective Networking for Business Building
Yvette Rice, President, LLVE, LLC

Moderator: Cynthia Matlock
Location: Riverchase B

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**BUSINESS MATCHMAKER**

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

**CONFERENCE NETWORKING RECEPTION**
Food & Beverages – Sponsor: Birmingham Airport Authority
Music by Mr. Ron Handy – Montgomery, AL

Location: Ivory’s
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

7:00 am - 8:00 am  CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

Location: Wynfrey D&E

8:00 am - 11:30 am  GENERAL SESSION I
Jerry Ellison, Program Manager ASBDC Network PTAC
Adrianna Clark, Director USDOT/Southeast Small Bus. TRC Administration

Presiding: Garry Quinn
Location: Riverchase

GENERAL SESSION II
Small Business Legal Prospective
Joe Duncan, Attorney-at-Law
Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart, LLP

Presiding:
Location: Riverchase

GENERAL SESSION III
Mentor Protégé Speaker Panel

Presiding: Dr. Sampson Gholston and Donald Taylor
Location: Riverchase

11:30 am – 12:30 pm  DBE AWARDS LUNCHEON

ALDOT DBE Awards Presentation

Presiding: Kim Davis
Location: Wynfrey D&E

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