



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
New York City

NAWBONYC Public Policy Committee
November 15, 2006
Meeting Notes

Attending: Carolyn Sevos, Intracommunities, Sallie Mullins Thompson, Renee Levitt, Renee Levitt Design, Sandi Webster, Consultants2Go and Henry Pierre, King of Marketing attended.

Discussion points:

The Election Breakdown and NAWBO NYC strategy for 2007

To clarify our objective and communication with these politicians, Carolyn read the Committee Mission Statement which is now on the new NAWBONYC Public Policy blog at <http://www.nawbonyc.org/blog>.

The committee discussed political strategy goals for 2007:

1. **Identified key politicians** who won in the 2006 Election on November 7th and are sympathetic to Women and Minority owned businesses. These politicians are John Snow - North Carolina, Heather Wilson - New Mexico, Melissa Beane - Illinois, Nydia Velazquez - New York.

NY state/city pp contacts – reps and also organizations

Political Official/Committee/Org	Contact for:	Issue
Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez (12) Chair of House Small Business Committee	Phone (202) 225-2361 Phone (718) 599-3658	Business-Procurement
Paterson-Leutenant Governor:	Michael Jonesbey (646) 294-7230 MJONESBEY@aol.com	MWBE capacity building and procurement improvement plan
Senator Richard J. Durbin (IL)	http://durbin.senate.gov/	Health care National
Scott Stringer: Manhattan Borough President	http://www.mbpo.org/	
Marty Markowitz: Brooklyn Small Business	http://www.brooklyn-usa.org/	

Small Business Solutions Center	Jeremy Waldrup JWaldrup@sbs.nyc.gov Carrie	MWBE Program
Advocate Betsy Gotbaum and the survey on procurement	Susie Han: shan@pubadvocate.nyc.gov Tel: (212) 669-2455	MWBE Program investigation
State Associations of Procurement Offices, Homeland Security, procurement panels		
Committee for Health Insurance, Health and Education - Hilary Clinton, Chuck Schumer		
Schumer, Rangle, Andrea Stuart Cousins, joint Economic Committee -	CS has campaign contacts for Andrea- if contact is needed can follow up	Small Business
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2. Determine 2007 Issues to target for 2007 are

- Health Care Insurance
- Procurement.

Other areas: Tax on Government Contracts, Family Leave , Immigration. etc. are still issues of importance and educational and resource materials should be collected by committee members and made available to members on the blog as well as future committee topics

3. Plan Strategy for contacting these politicians:

- Discussion points included
 - sending letters
 - creating a mailing list for press release information
 - forming strategic alliances with other organizations such as

-forming alliances with corporate and public companies to procure contracts through their diversity departments who deal with subcontractors, diversity suppliers, procurement service reps,

- Allie associations such as the
 - Women Builders' Council
 - Women Builders Coalition
 - Women in Construction
 - WIPP
 - James Heyliger
- Lobbying procedure is
 1. meet
 2. leave a letter behind
 3. make follow up phone call
- Attend NY and NJ procurement events
- Obtain diversity supplier lists

Agenda for next meeting is plan Spring Public Policy Procurement Power Partner Structured Networking Event with primes who have won contracts and strategize about health insurance for small business

Next meeting date: Jan. 18, 2007