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Agenda at a Glance

Tuesday, May 14

12:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Registration Badge Pickup
12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Putting With a Purpose
5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Museum of Pop Culture	VIP Welcome Reception

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Registration Badge Pickup
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Networking Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Main Stage Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forum Kickoff and Welcome Address• Navigating the Economic Horizon: Insights and Projections• NextNOW: New Energy. What is on the Horizon for MBEs?• NextNOW: AI-Driven Futures Transforming Workforce and Business• Government Investments: Capitalizing on Government Investments for Future Growth (CHIPS)• Capital Talk: Breaking Barriers - Capital Solutions and Investment Strategies for Pioneering Wealth Creation• Advancing Economic Equity
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Networking Lunch
12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	CIO Roundtable
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Connect Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Putting with a Purpose• Starbucks Tasting
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Capital Connections
7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Fremont Studios Seattle	The Equity Honors Awards Dinner
11:30 p.m.- 12:30 a.m. Spin	Late-Night Event



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Thursday, May 16

7:00- 10:00 a.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Registration Badge Pickup
7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Networking Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Main Stage Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Remarks• NextNOW: New Energy At the Crossroad - Petroleum, Transportation, and New Energy• Ensuring Costs of Debt are Fair and Equitable• NextNOW: AI and Racial Equity• The Future of 5G and Telecommunications to Close the Digital Divide• The Future of Diverse Business: Headwinds, Opportunities & The Pathway Forward• Infrastructure Progress Report- Tracking Infrastructure Investment Impacts• Government Investments: Capitalizing on Government Investments for Future Growth (Inflation Reduction Act)• Building the Next Billion Dollar MBEs• Closing Remarks
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Sheraton Grand Seattle	Connect Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Putting with a Purpose

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2024 Speakers



Erin Abrahamson
Chief of Staff
The National Center for American Indian
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Saad Ayub
Chief Digital and Innovation Officer
Zones, LLC



Joseph Bae
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Laurel Blatchford
Chief Implementation Officer, IRA
United States Department of the Treasury



William Bradford
Emeritus Dean
University of Washington, Foster School
of Business



Janice Bryant Howroyd
Founder, CEO
ActOne Group



Rhett Buttle
Founder, CEO
Public Private Strategies



Nestor Cano
EVP, Transformation & Chief Information and
Digital Officer
T-Mobile



Benjamin Carson, Jr.
Co-Founder and Partner
FVLCRUM



Ramiro Cavazos
President and CEO
United States Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce



Norman Chen
CEO
The Asian American Foundation



Sam Cho
Commissioner
Port of Seattle



Ralph Cleveland
President and CEO
American Association of Blacks in Energy



Salumeh Companieh
Chief Digital & Information Officer
Cushman & Wakefield



Jim Connell
Head of Global Supplier Services and Chief
Procurement Officer
JPMorgan Chase & Co.



Donald Cravins Jr.
Head of Government Affairs and Outreach
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Brian Downer
Chief Procurement Officer
Truist



Steve Ennis
President & Chief Executive Officer
ASRC Industrial



Sabina Ewing
Chief Information Officer
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Mike Fong
Director
Washington State Department of
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Jessica Fulton
Vice President of Policy
Joint Center for Political and Economic
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Kala Gibson
EVP Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer
Fifth Third Bank



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Mona Locke
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CEO and President
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Ann Marr
EVP, Global Human Resources
World Wide Technology, LLC

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Alaska Airlines



Katie Menhert
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ALLY Energy



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Se Habla Media



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Chief Executive Officer
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Secretary of Transportation
WSDOT



Patricia Miller
Director of Profitable and Responsible Buying
Accenture



Joan M. Mooney
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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U.S. Department of the Interior



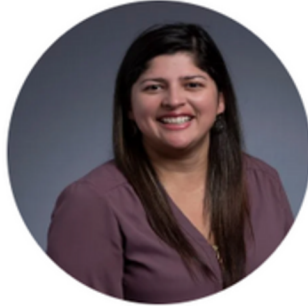
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Acting Undersecretary
Minority Business Development Agency,
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Heather Ostis
Chief Procurement Officer
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