

Press Release

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50 Women of Power in Business Awards Luncheon 2012 *Theme: Celebrating Leadership & Excellence*

Washington, DC (January 27, 2012) – *MEA Magazine*, in collaboration with the **U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency** is hosting the **U.S.-Africa Trade and Investment Conference 2012** at the Washington Hilton, located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. on **Tuesday, May 15, 2012** from 8:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

During this event there will be a luncheon recognizing **50 Women of Power in Business** from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** This event will honor fifty women business leaders who are doing business nationally or internationally; women empowering communities around the world; women shaping our economic future.

Fernando Galaviz, President and CEO, **THE CENTECH GROUP, Inc.** (www.centechgroup.com) is keynote speaker during the awards luncheon. Mr. Galaviz is an expert lecturer and advocate for small/minority businesses. He is also the founder and president of the **National Federal Contractors Association** (www.nafcausa.com).

Other confirmed speakers include **David Hinson**, National Director, U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency; and **Gloria Parker**, CEO and Senior Partner of **Parker Group Consulting**. Ms. Parker consults fortune 500 companies on government and business strategies. She served on the Obama-Biden Transition team; served as CTO and CIO of HUD; and Deputy CIO of the U.S. Department of Education.

There will be live entertainment; a lavish lunch will be served. Individual seating is \$250; a corporate table of 10 is \$2,500. Please reserve your seating in advance; there is no on-site registration. For more information call us at (703) 730-4091 or email at ypwilliams@comcast.net or meamagazine@yahoo.com. Visit our website at www.meecouncil.com.

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