



## Caribbean American Chamber Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)

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**Brooklyn, NY.** The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) held the third in a series of Small Business Meetings that are being held in commemoration of CACCI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of Business Services to the Small Business Community in New York. The meeting was held at The Historic Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street in Brooklyn.

According to **Dr. Roy A. Hastick, Sr.**, CACCI president and convener: "During these challenging economic times, it is critical for CACCI to continue to bring together our partners in City, State and Federal agencies, and experts from the business community and academic institutions, to highlight and reinforce the availability of business resources in New York to help small business owners to survive and grow during this economic downturn." CACCI provides free confidential counseling services. "Small business owners are urged to take advantage of these services and the business resources that were outlined at this meeting," **Hastick** said.

The topics were: **Financing Available:** Public and Private -- SBA-City-State-Federal Agencies; **Real Estate:** First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit - Extension Date; **Financial Literacy Education** for Small Business Owners in New York; **Economic Development: Construction and Consulting** Business Opportunities; **M/WBE Certification/Procurement Preparation:** How to Access Government Contracts; **Small Business Assistance** to Expand and Grow; **Doing Business in the Caribbean** and the Global Marketplace.

**CACCI's Distinguished Power Breakfast Meeting Presenters were:**

- **Jason Wright**, Chief Financial Officer, **NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**, the City's primary engine for economic development charged with leveraging the City's assets to drive growth, create jobs and improve quality of life.
- **Shah Newaz**, Senior Vice President, **Grameen America Bank**, a Nobel Peace Prize Recipient, is a microfinance nonprofit organization that provides loans, savings programs, credit establishment and other financial services to entrepreneurs living below the poverty line in the United States.
- **Gregg Bishop**, Assistant Commissioner, **NYC Department of Small Business Services. DSBS** makes it easier for businesses in New York City to form, do business, and grow by providing direct assistance to business owners, fostering neighborhood development in commercial districts, and linking employers to a skilled and qualified workforce.
- **Olivia Peck**, Assistant Director, **New York State Dormitory Authority (DASNY)** which provides financing and construction services to public and private universities, not-for-profit healthcare facilities and other institutions which serve the public good.
- **Edmund Sadio**, President/Owner, **Century 21 Achievers Real Estate**. This real estate firm belongs to a network of over 140,000 professionals who take pride in what they do and specialize in providing a variety of superior real estate services to local communities around the world.
- **Imani Bennett**, Business Development Officer, **US Department of Commerce (MBDA)** is the only federal agency dedicated to advancing the establishment and growth of minority-owned firms in the United States.
- **Marvin Lieberman**, Senior Executive, **Senior Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)**, a non-profit association composed of volunteers who share their management and technical expertise with owners/manages of small business and those who want to start their own small businesses. CACCI has partnered with SCORE to provide free counseling services.

For further information on CACCI membership, next membership business meeting, vending opportunities at the *Flatbush Caton Market*, and/or to request an appointment for free small business confidential counseling services through *CACCI/SCORE*, contact CACCI: Tel.: (718) 834-4544. [info@caccitradercenter.com](mailto:info@caccitradercenter.com).