

Our Mission:

To increase purchases of goods and services by large companies and Government entities from Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, HUB-Zone, and Service Disabled Veteran businesses

USDC 2010 Goals

March 2010

President's Message

Dear Utah Supplier Development Council (USDC) Members,

We had another strong turnout for our February meeting with GraybaR as our host. We would also like to recognize SuReAI Group, who was our "Member Spotlight" and gave a fine presentation on their renewable, alternative energy products.

Before I introduce our spectacular USDC annual meeting, let me give you a list of upcoming events that you will want to write down on your calendars:

Conferences/Symposiums/Workshops

- Governors Economic Summit: March 29, 2010, Grand America Hotel
- Hill Air Force Base Requirements Symposium: April 13 & 14, 2010, Eccles Conference Center, Ogden, UT
- Procurement Essentials: Creating Government Customers – April 28, 2010. Sponsored by the Salt Lake Chamber, Women's Business Center.

According to a recent CNN opinion survey, 56% of people say joblessness is the most pressing economic issue right now. That's more than double the 22 percent who listed the federal budget deficit as the most important economic issue. The survey also indicates that eight in ten say that the economy is in poor shape, and only 37 percent believe it will get better within the next two years. More than four in ten feel it will take more than three years for the economy to bounce back.

USDC 2010 Annual Meeting

Knowing that the economy is on everyone's mind, and is having a direct impact on our USDC members, USDC is pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for our annual meeting is Mark Knold, Senior Economist for the Department of Workforce Services. Mark has been an economist with DWS for 20 years. Mark has a Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Utah. As an economist for DWS, Mark has authored many articles and newsletters dealing with the economic condition in Utah and its sub-state regions. He serves on committees that advise the Governor, state economic councils, economic development agencies, and legislative committees.

When: Thursday, March 25, 2010

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Place: ATK Conference Center in Ogden Canyon – Directions/Map to the ATK center has been included in the invitation that will be mailed to all USDC members. (If you are not a member and would like an invitation/map, please contact Randi Ruff at the e-mail below.)

Lunch will be catered and is free for all USDC Associate and Major Members (one free lunch per membership). \$15.00 for additional members and guests. Please RSVP at our website: www.usdcutah.org or by contacting Randi Ruff at: ruff@purchasing.utah.edu 801-581-7450

Sincerely,

Chuck Spence, USDC President

