

NATIONAL FORUM FOR BLACK PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS

FORUM 2006

BUILDING COALITIONS

CONNECTING CULTURES

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

APRIL 8-12, 2006

FORT WORTH CONVENTION CENTER
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FORUM 2006: BUILDING COALITIONS AND CONNECTING CULTURES

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AT FORUM 2006 – YOUR CONNECTION TO:

- Progressive Ideas
- Expert Advice
- Leading-Edge Information
- Networking Opportunities
- Career Growth
- And much more!

THERE'S A NEW FORUM COMING TO TOWN!

And you won't want to miss a minute of it. FORUM 2006, *Building Coalitions and Connecting Cultures*, is National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA)'s premier training and educational activity – designed to help you create and execute successful professional and personal strategies for the future. This event will draw nearly 1,000 public administrators from throughout the US and abroad to Fort Worth, TX, for an intense five days of workshops, plenary sessions, networking, tours, exhibits, recognition events and more.

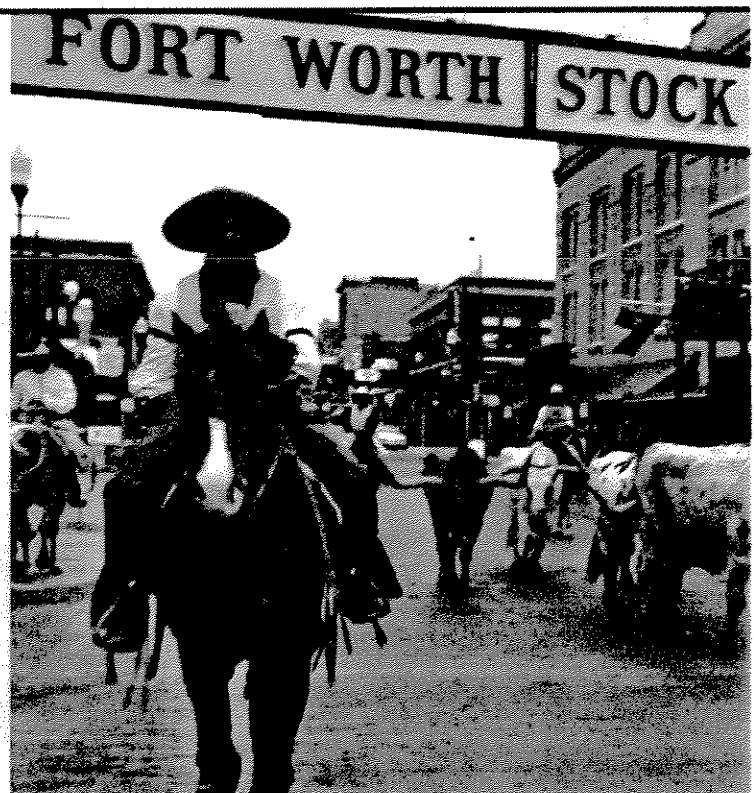
FORUM 2006 WILL:

- Provide in-depth training on topics of critical interest to administrators and executives in federal, state and local governments;
- Present a forum for public administrators to explore solutions to key challenges facing the urban community and local governments nationwide and globally;
- Support the career development of the next generation of public administrators by providing exposure and access to highly accomplished public officials.

Since NFBPA was founded in 1983, its membership has grown to include managers and executives in virtually all disciplines represented in state and local government. In addition, attendees will meet private sector executives, deans and faculty at schools of public administration and graduate students in public administration.

FORT WORTH: CULTURAL CAPITAL OF THE SOUTHWEST

FORUM 2006 will be at the Fort Worth Convention Center in beautiful downtown Fort Worth, TX. The center is six short blocks from the headquarters host hotel, the Renaissance Worthington. A feisty blend of new and old, Fort Worth was ranked last year by *The Washington Post* as a "Top 10 Travel Hot Destination" and named the "Cultural Capital of the Southwest." This model of urban sophistication offers history, culture, dining, architecture and diversity with a uniquely western vibe.





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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the NFBPA Board of Directors and the Conference Planning and Evaluation Committee, I am pleased to invite you to NFBPA's 23rd Annual Conference, entitled *Building Coalitions and Connecting Cultures*. Given the sobering events that have occurred over the past few months, you'll find FORUM 2006 to be on point for the times – and probably the most informative conference you will attend next year.

We are delighted to welcome CIGNA as our FORUM 2006 conference sponsor. Our corporate partners, through the National Corporate Advisory Council, provide us invaluable resources in our fund development and public/private partnership efforts. We are grateful for their interest in the work that we do.

As public administrators responsible for servicing, upgrading and safeguarding our communities, we witnessed the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma from a unique perspective. What if these storms or an equivalent disaster had hit our city? Would we have been any better prepared to act quickly and decisively? Would we have a clear vision of how a massive rebuilding effort should go? And would we know how to include all of our citizens in that vision?

Our job is to help you prepare to be the most effective public administrator you can be, not just when the going is easy, but also – particularly – when the “storms” hit. As always, we will give you the tools, examples and opportunities to excel at your mission and your career.

Your FORUM is also a time to celebrate excellence, share experiences, network and soak up the local flavor of our exciting host city. Fort Worth, the gateway to the West, has a cultural ambiance all its own and is an urban planner's delight. When our hardworking conference host, the North Texas Chapter, talks about “pardnering”, it is expressing our theme in local vernacular we all will soon come to understand and enjoy.

Join us for FORUM 2006 and all that it will offer. It's your connection to the answers, opportunities and networking you need to succeed.

See you in Fort Worth!

Sincerely,

Harry L. Jones, Sr.
President

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FORUM 2006 – YOUR CONNECTION TO:

SIX TRACKS OF STRAIGHT-SHOOTING WORKSHOPS

Tap into the talent, expertise, and experience of subject matter experts in six tracks of workshops designed to enhance your leadership expertise, provide insights and strategies to cope with homeland security and emergency preparedness, create a dialogue with the next generation of leaders, and intensify your role as partners in community development, education and human services.

TRACK 1

HOW TO SURVIVE IN SHARK-INFESTED WATERS: SUCCESSFUL SKILLS IN LEADERSHIP

Expand your leadership expertise, gain insight into the value of professional ethics, and enhance your personal and professional development. Sample topics include:

- Leadership Skills Required to Survive, Thrive and Swim in Shark Infested Waters
- Develop Your Legislative Voice: The Public Administrator's Impact Through Legislation
- Understanding & Appreciating Cultural Differences

TRACK 2

FOCUS ON EDUCATION: PREPARATION FOR SUCCESS

Choose from an array of workshops that will address legislative mandates, lifelong learning, literacy, youth social ills and model partnerships and initiatives having a positive impact on students, from elementary school to college. Sample topics include:

- Why Our Children Aren't Making the Grade
- A City On Fire: Building a New Fire Station
- Just Do It: Connecting with Our Youth

TRACK 3

SMART GROWTH: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Improve the quality of life in your communities by learning to apply the principles of smart growth and sustainable development to avoid or combat the ill effects of urban sprawl, slow economic growth, decreased job opportunities, and unsafe surroundings. Sample topics include:

- Can Java Jumpstart Your Economic Development Strategy?
- Using Economic Development to Meet Community Goals – The Fort Worth Model
- Urban Revitalization – Challenges And Opportunities

TRACK 4

CREATIVE APPROACHES TO OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

Increase your awareness of critical security issues and access to information tools you need to prevent, respond to and recover from environmental catastrophies, terrorist attacks or violence in the workplace. Sample topics include:

- Emergency Preparedness: The Cost of Being Secure
- National Preparedness Primer for States
- Stormy Weather – Managing Natural Disasters

TRACK 5

GENERATION OF PROMISE: THE NEW PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR

Recent studies show that by 2006 there will be 151 million jobs in the U.S. economy but only 141 million people in the workforce to fill them. Prepare to fill the talent gap by mastering strategies for everything from networking to managing personal finances. Sample topics include:

- Taking a Knowledge Management Approach to Your Business
- Tight, Phat, Cool, Copacetic: Four Generations in the Workplace
- Essentials of Effective Revenue and Expenditure Forecasting

TRACK 6

HUMAN SERVICES FROM A TO Z

From healthcare to homelessness, the time to formulate effective social policies and service procedures is now. Get on the right track with information, examples and tools you can use to more effectively deliver a better quality of life for your community and all of its citizens. Sample topics include:

- Summit 2010: A Community-Wide Approach to Delivering Human Services
- Central Texas and The Basic Needs Collaboration: Teaming with Nonprofits
- Coalitioning to Treat Mentally Ill Juvenile Offenders

EARN CEU CREDITS

Texas Christian University's Office of Extended Education will provide CEU credits for many of our workshops.

The CEUs will be available for a fee of \$10.00 for the certificate, payable upon completion of the workshop.



A PRIME SLATE OF SPEAKERS

OPENING PLENARY

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 8:00 A.M.

BISHOP T.D. JAKES

Senior Pastor & Founder

The Potter's House Church, Dallas, TX



Named by *Time* magazine in 2001 as "America's Best Preacher," Bishop T.D. Jakes ministers frequently in massive crusades and conferences and has written several best selling books. Bishop Jakes' message of healing and restoration, broadcast nationally into millions of homes, will serve as a highly inspirational conference opener.

TUESDAY PLENARY

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 8:00 A.M.

JOHNNETTA B. COLE, PH.D.

President

Bennett College, Greensboro, NC



Join renowned cultural anthropologist and educator Dr. Johnnetta Cole as she charts the terrain of higher education, academic preparedness and other issues critical to African-American achievement. This powerful speaker will arouse your spirit of positive thinking and inspire you to seek every opportunity to prepare our young people for leadership.

CORPORATE LUNCHEON

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 1:15 P.M.

EARL G. GRAVES, SR. – *Invited*

Chairman & CEO

Earl G. Graves LTD, New York, NY



Earl G. Graves, Sr., a nationally recognized authority on Black business development, is founder and publisher of *Black Enterprise* magazine, which has been guiding and showcasing African-American economic progress since 1972. Join Graves, a recipient of the National Award of Excellence, as he maps out his strategies for business success in the 21st century.

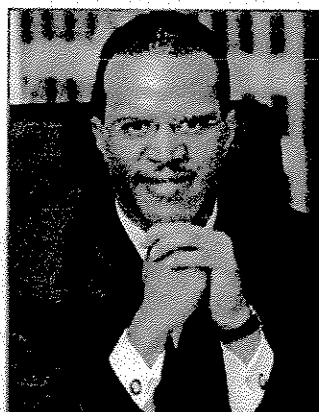
HALL OF FAME LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 1:15 P.M.

JOHN BRYANT

Founder, Chair & CEO

Operation HOPE, Los Angeles, CA



John Bryant is one of the most authoritative and compelling advocates for poverty eradication in America today. Share his clear vision for what he calls the "Silver Rights Movement" in America – the end of poverty in the 21st century.

INTRODUCING FORUM UNIVERSITY

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

NFBPA is proud to introduce FORUM University: Career Management & Executive Development, a pre-conference forum with interactive skills-building courses designed to launch, grow or wind down a career. Be sure to register early as there is limited space for each course.

TRAIL-BLAZING CAREER COURSES

RÉSUMÉ WRITING AND INTERVIEWING TECHNIQUES

This popular workshop serves as a prelude to the Career Fair that will take place during the FORUM. You'll learn to write effective résumés, practice techniques to impress interviewers and get all the practical advice and guidance you'll need to land the job of your dreams.

FACILITATORS:

JOHN B. PARHAM, II

*Director, Higher Education
Financial Services*

State Education Office
Government of the District of Columbia
Washington, DC

KELLY MONTGOMERY

*National Practice Manager
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CPS Human Resource Services
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*Director of Human Resources
Norfolk State University
Norfolk, VA*

GO FROM GOOD TO GREAT BY DISCOVERING YOUR STRENGTHS

Join your colleagues for a fast paced interactive session that explores leadership tips from the best-seller list. Included in the discussion will be *Good to Great*, by Jim Collins, and *Now, Discover Your Strengths*, by Marcus Buckingham and Donald Clifton.

FACILITATOR:

FELICIA LOGAN

*Director, Professional Development
ICMA
Washington, DC*

WHAT IS MY EXIT PLAN? DO I NEED AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT?

This workshop will assist senior level managers in understanding and evaluating the pros and cons of an employment contract.

FACILITATOR:

ANDRES L. WILLIAMS, ESQ.

*Attorney at Law
Collins, Toschi & Doyle
Oakland, CA*

A GLIMPSE INTO ELI

This comprehensive workshop on the Executive Leadership Institute (ELI), NFBPA's flagship executive development course, is ideal for those ready to take the next step to the top. Please join alumni and faculty for a real world example of the hard work and dedication required to complete ELI.

FACILITATOR:

SYLVESTER MURRAY

*Professor of Public Administration
Cleveland State University
Cleveland, OH*

BREAK ALL THE RULES: LEADERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS

Learn the most important rules to follow when managing for the right outcomes and the 12 simple questions that work to distinguish high performance teams. These vital performance and career lessons are targeted to managers and leaders at all levels.

FACILITATOR:

PAULETTE OWENS-HOLMES

*Consultant
Irvin, Goforth and Irvin, LLC
Training and Communications
McKinney, TX*

CAN THE GOVERNMENT GROW LEADERS?

In this workshop, you'll explore ways to fill the leadership gap as people depart from top federal, municipal and state positions. See what the challenges are for tomorrow's leaders and how to prepare for what lies ahead.

FACILITATOR:

GREGORY L. DAVIS

*Managing Director
PRM Consulting, Inc.
Washington, DC*

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Prepare yourself in the art of multi-dimensional problem solving with two simple, practical and effective approaches that will help you maneuver, resolve and manage conflict, issues and concerns that often stall productivity and undermine effectiveness. Most importantly, you'll learn how to get to the answer you want: "Yes!"

FACILITATORS:

DAVINIA TOMLINSON

*Human Resources Manager
City of Flower Mound
Flower Mound, TX*

DEBBIE MAYNOR

*Human Resources Director
City of Killeen
Killeen, TX*



AN EXCITING ROUND-UP OF FORUMS, RESOURCES AND SHOWCASES

PUBLIC POLICY FORUM: A TOWN HALL MEETING WHAT SHOULD POST-KATRINA POLICIES LOOK LIKE?

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006 — 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Americans, still reeling from the devastation inflicted on the Gulf Coast Region by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, are now wondering how public policies arising from the disasters will affect their communities. This town hall meeting will convene leading public administrators from various fields to examine the far-reaching impact various decisions will have on the Gulf Coast and the rest of the nation, ranging from infrastructure, housing and healthcare to employment and the environment. Don't miss this special opportunity to delve into one of the most urgent topics on today's public agenda.

TECHNOLOGY ROUNDTABLE BUSINESS CONTINUITY IN GOVERNMENT

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 — 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

In this roundtable discussion of challenging issues in business continuity, each public sector panel member will present a solution to maintaining continuity in government in the face of heightened security, increased data sharing, terrorism, and natural disasters. Private sector panel members and the audience will have an opportunity to discuss each proposed solution. A "must" session for IT professionals, senior officials, administrators responsible for security, retention, response/delivery of citizen data, citizen or special needs notification and technology-savvy members.

MODERATOR: CHARLES S. DAWSON
CIO/CTO
State of New Jersey
Trenton, NJ

FORUM 2006 CAREER FAIR

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006

Don't miss this great opportunity to meet directly with government and corporate employers looking for professional talent. Send in your resume ahead of time and schedule an onsite interview with interested NFBPA member agencies, HR directors, National Corporate Advisory Council members and other partners such as Radio Shack, Pier One, Lockheed Martin and American Airlines.

You'll also receive a current listing of job opportunities and valuable feedback on your application. Starting January 2006, interested job seekers and applicants may visit nfbpa.org for more information.

FORUM 2006 CORPORATE EXHIBIT AND VENDOR SHOWCASE

OPENS SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006

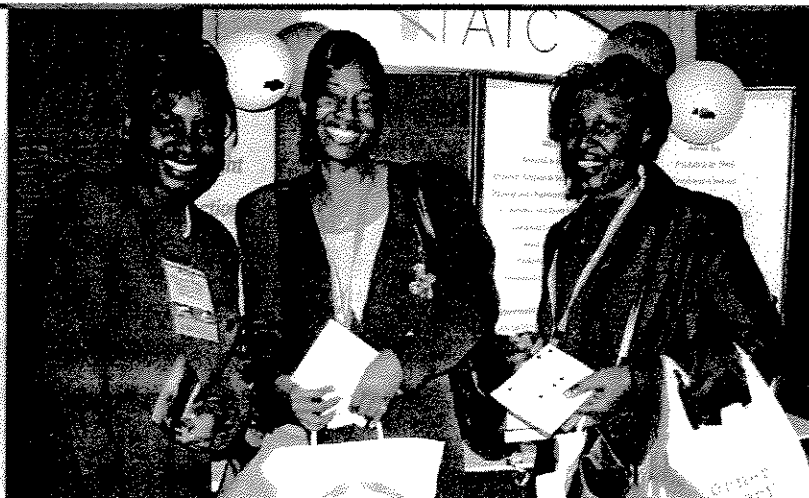
Explore new sources for information, products and services offered by our corporate, government and institutional exhibitors and retail vendors. Back by popular demand are:

- The Internet Café – check your e-mail, search the internet, see what's new.
- The Artists' Showcase – View original artwork that casts a unique light on the Black experience. Meet the artists and learn more about "Collecting Art as an Investment."

AND INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006

- SISTAHS ON THE MOVE
- BROTHAS ON THE MOVE
- BLACK ENTERPRISE FINANCIAL WORKSHOP



WE'RE RUSTLING UP GREAT NETWORKING EVENTS

EARLY BIRD RECEPTION

"A NIGHT ON THE RANCH"

Saturday, April 8, 2006 — 5:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Circle R Ranch - Western Pavilion

A complete Western experience awaits you, complete with a Texas-style barbeque, a shotgun bus hold-up by Western "gunfighters," and plenty of dancing and mechanical bull-riding. Wear your cowboy boots and jeans!

OPENING RECEPTION

"COWTOWN CASINO PARTY AND CONCERT"

Sunday, April 9, 2006 — 7:30 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.
Renaissance Worthington Hotel

Enjoy this unique conference opener featuring a Cowtown Casino Party where conferees will enjoy games such as Blackjack, Roulette, Poker and Slots while listening to a DJ in one hall and live jazz in the other. The evening concludes with performances by saxophonist Kirk Whalum and recording artists Yarbrough & Peoples.

NORTH TEXAS HOST CHAPTER RECEPTION

"EXPERIENCE THE TASTES, SOUNDS AND TRADITIONS OF DALLAS"

Monday, April 10, 2006 — 6:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.
Union Station, Dallas

Join the host chapter onboard a "Wild, Wild West Express" to Dallas, TX, where you'll enjoy the best the city has to offer in food, entertainment and southwestern artifacts. Your evening, hosted by comedian Rickey Smiley, will feature Poetry in Motion, Blues Alley and Comedy Corner, as well as dancing to the vibes of recording artist Don Diego.

CENTRAL ARIZONA 2007 HOST CHAPTER RECEPTION

"RELAX, RELATE, RELEASE IN A DESERT OASIS"

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 — 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Maddox-Muse Center — Bass Performance Hall

Come experience the Arizona "resort casual" lifestyle where things can get muy caliente (very hot)! Enjoy a Saguaro (native to Arizona) Soulful evening of jazz as your hosts prepare you for FORUM 2007.

ALL CHAPTERS' EVENT

"BOOTS AND RHINESTONES"

Tuesday, April 11, 2006 — 9:30 p.m. — 12:30 a.m.

Renaissance Worthington Hotel
Trinity Ballroom

The Council of Presidents invites you to unwind with friendly competition and networking. Annual awards will be presented for small, medium and large chapters, followed by awards for hip hop and old school dance performances and for best dressed. So, be sure to wear your best jeans, boots and rhinestones and count on having a good time.

FORUM 2006 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 — 6:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Tour 18 Golf Course — Flower Mound, TX

Tea Time: 8:00 a.m.

If you're into challenges, you'll love the Tour 18 Golf Course's ingenious simulation of some of the most difficult holes found in America. Simulations include Cherry Hill's #1 where, in 1960, Arnold Palmer shot 30 on the front nine and 65 for the round to capture his U.S. Open Championship; and Doral's nearly impossible 18th hole (known as the "Blue Monster"). Join your hosts, the North Texas Chapter and the National Corporate Advisory Council, for the game of a lifetime as a corporate-sponsored foursome, an NFBPA or chapter team or an individual. Proceeds benefit the NFBPA Endowment Fund.

Fee: \$125 per person, includes lunch.

THE CULMINATING EVENT

THE MARKS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD BANQUET

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 — 7:00 p.m. — 10:00 p.m.

Fort Worth Convention Center

STARRING KEM — *Invited*



Enjoy the "Kemistry" as Kem Owens brings his smooth R&B sounds to the NFBPA concert stage. Nashville-born, Detroit-based Kem is a singer, songwriter, musician and producer inspired by giants such as Stevie Wonder, Steely Dan and Grover Washington, Jr. You'll feel the true spirit of soulfulness as he performs your favorites from his chart-topping debut album, *Kemistry*, and his most recent release, *Album II*.

SEE THE SIGHTS. ENJOY THESE CONFERENCE TOURS

Seating is limited. You must pre-register.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TOUR

Saturday, April 8, 2006 — 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Visit the new riverfront headquarters of Radio Shack and Pier One, and witness a full showcase of successful redevelopment/revitalization efforts throughout the central city. Lunch is included.

Fee: \$15

FORT WORTH MUSEUM GETAWAY: "AN AFTERNOON OF COWTOWN CULTURE"

Saturday, April 8, 2006 — 12:00 noon — 4:00 p.m.

Discover the Fort Worth Cultural District where you will visit five of the most acclaimed museums in the Southwest: Kimbell Art Museum, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, and the Amon Carter Museum. Lunch is included.

Fee: \$20

THE CULTURED COWBOY AND COWGIRL TOUR

Wednesday, April 12, 2006 — 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

The Stockyards National Historic District

This tour theme makes the most of one of Fort Worth's most distinctive entertainment districts. At the historic Stockyards, you'll experience the daily longhorn cattle drives, an authentic cattle auction, a live rodeo, or watch a leather craftsman tool a handmade saddle or pair of boots, dine western-style and stroll through some of the country's best Western shopping.

Fee: \$20

DALLAS SHOPPING TOUR

Wednesday, April 12, 2006

Dallas, TX

Departs at 10:30 a.m.

Visit three exciting Dallas locations. Start at the popular Uptown District where you'll browse through an explosion of new residential and retail centers. Next, visit the progressive open-air neighborhood called West Village, a new and growing urban community connected to shops, entertainment and the arts. Finish the afternoon at NorthPark Center, the city's oldest retail mall, offering the finest in luxury retail, market exclusives and fine dining.

Fee: \$20

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF EVENTS-AT-A-GLANCE

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Conference Planning & Evaluation Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. ELI Special Projects Presentations

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Economic and Community Development Tour

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Council of Presidents' Meeting

12 noon – 4:00 p.m. Museum Getaway Tour

12 noon – 5:30 p.m. Registration Open

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. FORUM University Courses

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. National Corporate Advisory Council Meeting

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Early Bird Reception

9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. After-Hours Networking

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ecumenical Service

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ELI & Mentor Graduation Ceremony & Brunch

1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. New Members/First Timers' Reception

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ELI Alumni Network Meeting

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Public Policy Forum

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Opening Reception

10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. After-Hours Networking

MONDAY, APRIL 10

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Opening Plenary

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Networking Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Workshops / Mini-Plenaries

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops / Mini-Plenaries

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Corporate Luncheon

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Technology Roundtable

4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Prize Drawings

6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. North Texas Host Chapter Reception

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Plenary

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Career Fair

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Networking Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Workshops / Mini-Plenaries

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops / Mini-Plenaries

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Hall of Fame Luncheon

4:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting

4:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Prize Drawings

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. FORUM 2007 Central Arizona Chapter Reception

9:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. All-Chapters' Event

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

6:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. FORUM 2006 Annual Golf Tournament

7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon Registration Open

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast Forums

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Interactive Forums/Mini-Plenaries

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Stockyards Tour

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dallas Shopping Tour

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Award Banquet Reception

10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Marks of Excellence Award Banquet

10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. After-Hours Networking

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

All award nominations and scholarship applications must be submitted to the NFBPA National Office. Submissions must be postmarked by February 3, 2006. Contact the NFBPA National Office at 202-408-9300 or visit nfbpa.org for eligibility criteria and submission procedures.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

We encourage your support in recommending candidates for the awards listed here.

MARKS OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

NFBPA's Marks of Excellence Award is bestowed upon a Black public administrator who has achieved extraordinary success in the field of public management while demonstrating an unselfish commitment to the community. This prestigious award is NFBPA's highest honor and is presented annually at the closing awards banquet during the FORUM.

HALL OF FAME AWARD

In April 1991, the NFBPA Board of Directors established the "Hall of Fame" Award to pay tribute to Black Americans who have achieved unprecedented "firsts" in public service. Inaugural inductees (1992) were then Governor L. Douglas Wilder; Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Thurgood Marshall and Cabinet Secretary Robert Weaver. Recipients since then have included Tom Bradley; Barbara Jordan; Maynard Jackson; Quentin R. Lawson; John Stroger; Coleman Young; Nelson Mandela; Ronald Brown; Maxine Waters; Colin Powell; NFBPA Founders;

William H. Gray, III; Dr. C. Delores Tucker and Oliver W. Hill, Sr.

STEVEN D. FORD MEMORIAL AWARD

NFBPA is committed to recognizing excellence in scholastic and professional achievement. In an effort to further the goal of "grooming and preparing younger, aspiring, public administrators for senior-level management positions," NFBPA offers the Steven D. Ford Memorial Award. Only one award is given each year and it is presented during the ELI/Mentor Graduation.

CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

These scholarship awards are designed to help NFBPA further achieve its mission of attracting the best and brightest African Americans to careers in public service.

THE WILLIE T. LOUD - CH2M HILL SCHOLARSHIP

The Willie T. Loud - CH2M Hill Scholarship will be awarded to an African-American graduate student pursuing a career in public administration, urban affairs, or a related public service field. This scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000, is designed to help NFBPA further achieve its mission of grooming the next generation of African Americans for careers in public service.

THE CDM SCHOLARSHIP

The CDM Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000, will be awarded to an African-American graduate or undergraduate student pursuing a career in public administration, urban affairs, or a related public service field.

THE JOHNNIE L. COCHRAN, JR. / MWH SCHOLARSHIP

To honor the memory of famed attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., MWH will present an award of \$5,000 to a deserving African-American undergraduate or graduate student interested in pursuing a career in public service.

THE CIGNA HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

To support the education and development of African-American students and prepare them for careers in public administration, CIGNA HealthCare, FORUM 2006 conference sponsor, is sponsoring three scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$5,000 each to two graduate students pursuing a career in public service. Additionally, a \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student.

THE MCKINLEY FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The McKinley Financial Scholarship will be awarded to an African-American undergraduate or graduate student pursuing a career in public service. In an effort to support the education and development of African-American students and prepare them for careers in public administration, McKinley Financial Services, Inc. will present an award of \$1,000 to a deserving student.

THE "FUTURE COLLEAGUES" SCHOLARSHIPS

The "Future Colleagues" Scholarships will be awarded to two undergraduate students pursuing a career in public service. Andra Wicks, an NFBPA member,

and Supervisor Nathan Miley, District 4, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, CA, have designated \$1,000 scholarships each for an African-American male and female student working towards an undergraduate degree in public administration.

THE PRUDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Prudential Retirement Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded to an African-American graduate student pursuing a career in public administration, urban affairs, or a related public service field.

THE MARY RUTH FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Mary Ruth Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund is awarded to an African-American high school senior requiring financial aid. This Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, was established to memorialize Mary Ruth Fox, an early leader of NFBPA.

THE FORUM 2006 SCHOLARSHIP

The NFBPA National Corporate Advisory Council provides approximately 25 full-time university students with conference registration scholarships to attend the FORUM. Scholarship recipients are responsible for their own travel, hotel and other related costs.

CONFERENCE SITE

MAIN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD AT:

The Fort Worth Convention Center
1201 Houston Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Phone: 817-392-6338
ci.fort-worth.tx.us/publicevents/convention/index.asp

CONFERENCE HOTELS

To take advantage of special rates that have been negotiated for conference attendees, you are encouraged to stay at any of five conference hotels, four of which are located within walking distance of the convention center. Certain networking events will be held at the Renaissance Worthington, the headquarters conference hotel. All hotels require a one-night deposit at the time of reservation. Some hotels are sold out; but call anyway, in case there are cancellations.

CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:

Renaissance Worthington Hotel
200 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 870-1000 or 1-800-468-3571
Web site: renaissancehotels.com/DFWDT
Rate: \$159 (single/double)
Deadline for reservations:
Monday, March 13, 2006 **SOLD OUT**

Radisson Plaza Hotel
815 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 870-2100 or 1-800-333-3333
Web site: radisson.com/fortworthtx
Rate: \$120 (single/double) \$130/\$140 (triple/quad)
Deadline for reservations:
Monday, March 6, 2006 **SOLD OUT**

Marriott Courtyard Fort Worth Blackstone Hotel
601 Main Street, Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 885-8700 or 1-800-321-2211
Web site: marriott.com
Rate: \$124 (single/double)
Deadline for reservations:
Monday, March 6, 2006 **SOLD OUT**

Fort Worth Plaza Hotel
1701 Commerce
Fort Worth, TX 76102
(817) 389-7829 or (817) 335-7000
Web site: plazafortworth.com
Rate: \$89 (single/double/triple/quad)
Deadline for reservations:
Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Residence Inn by Marriott
2500 Museum Way
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 885-8250
Web site: marriott.com
Rate: \$139 (single/double)
Deadline for reservations:
Monday, March 6, 2006

HOW TO REGISTER

You can register online by visiting nfbpa.org/nationalconf.cfm and clicking on Register Now. If you prefer to mail in your registration, go to nfbpa.org/nationalconf.cfm and download the Attendee Registration form. Mail with payment or fax with payment information to:

National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA)
777 North Capitol Street, NE, Suite 807
Washington, DC 20002-4239
Telephone: 202-408-9300
Fax: 202-408-8558

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations at the hotels must be made at least 15 days prior to your arrival date or you will forfeit your one-night room deposit. If you must cancel your reservation, please call NFBPA at (202) 408-9300, ext 101. Making any changes in your reservation in a timely manner will allow others to take advantage of the NFBPA conference accommodations within the NFBPA room block.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (an American Airlines hub) is approximately 17.5 miles from downtown Fort Worth. Dallas Love Field (a Southwest Airlines hub) is 23 miles from downtown Fort Worth. Average taxi fare is \$50-\$70 per person.

Yellow Checker Shuttle has agreed to provide discount shuttle transportation from DFW airport to all of the Fort Worth hotels. The discounted rate for conference attendees is \$11.00 each way, an \$8.00 savings. Save time by pre-registering your arrival and departure time online. Call 817-267-5150 or visit yellowcheckershuttle.com for information.

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

Airport Shuttle: 972-233-6999
Cowboy Cab: 817-428-0202
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Super Shuttle: 817-329-2000
Yellow Cab: 817-534-5555

TRAVEL INFORMATION

The following are official NFBPA conference airlines and car rental agencies. The earlier you book your travel, the more you will save. For discounts, you must advise the agent of the codes below. Advance booking required. Call ahead for rules and regulations.

AIRLINES:

American Airlines: 1-800-433-1790
STARfile Number: 7346AH

Continental Airlines: 1-800-468-7022
Z Code: ZRRK;
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www.continental.com
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CAR RENTALS:

Avis: 1-800-331-1600
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- \$500 Member
- \$750 Non-member
- \$210 Student Member
- \$235 Student Non-member

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- \$575 Member
- \$825 Non-member
- \$220 Student Member
- \$245 Student Non-member

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Register for FORUM 2006 by the Early Bird deadline of January 20, 2006 to be eligible to be included in a drawing to win a tremendous prize package from the Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

- Round-trip airfare for two to FORUM 2006
- Five nights accommodations at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel during FORUM 2006
- One pair of custom-made Justin Cowboy Boots with Fort Worth's logo
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- \$500 Member
- \$750 Non-Member
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- \$575 Member
- \$825 Non-Member
- \$220 Student Member
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Luncheon and banquet tickets are included in the registration fee. If you may purchase additional tickets for unregistered guests. Please the events for which you want to register additional guests:

\$60 Corporate Luncheon (Monday, April 11th)

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