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## **Minority Business Recognition**

**Who:** Mobile Area Chamber and the Minority Business Development Agency - Mobile, operated by the Chamber

**What:** Minority Business Development Events

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 17

**Where:** Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza

**Events:**

**Leadership Forum:** 9 - 11 a.m.

**Featuring:** A panel of executives of high-performing business leaders offering advice moderated by Sharon Patterson, president & CEO of the Billion Dollar Roundtable

**Awards Luncheon:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Featuring:** Michael Baisden and minority business awards

**Baisden:** He is a popular radio and TV personality, speaker, writer, film maker and social activist.

**Award Winners:**

During the luncheon, several awards will be presented:

**Eagle Awards:** Given to minority-owned businesses that have demonstrated achievement in certain business areas including maintaining a solid financial base, revenue and/or employee growth, evidence of community service contribution or involvement.

**BNI Business Resource Print & Ship Center** provides marketing consulting services, design and printing services. The Mobile-based company is 10-years old and has six employees.

**Hughes Plumbing & Utility Contractors** specializes in the critical underground infrastructure for sanitary sewer installations, water mains and storm sewers, fiberglass tank installations, onsite wastewater installations and more. This 16-year-old Mobile-based company has 25 full-time employees.

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The Mobile Area Chamber will also recognize its **2013 Minority Business Advocate of the Year**:

**The City of Mobile** – In 2012 the city’s homeowner rehabilitation program and Community Planning & Development awarded more than \$413,000, in home improvements contracts, with 47 percent to minority contractors.

**Minority Enterprise Awards:**

**TriCountry Contractors Inc.** – Minority Construction Firm of the Year, awarded to a minority firm with outstanding success in private or public sector construction projects and has exhibited revenue and job growth over a sustained period of time. This 12-year-old firm is based in Jackson, Miss., and has completed a number of construction-based and debris-removal contracts for both government and private sector clients.

**ALM Tech Group** - Minority Manufacturer of the Year, awarded to a minority firm achieving significant success in employing new and innovative techniques leading to a significant increase in market share, job growth and customer satisfaction. Established in 1956, ALM has both a machining and composites facility serving the defense, aerospace and commercial industries. With 30 employees, the company is based in St. Louis, Mo.

**NationView LLC** - High Performing Minority Business of the Year, awarded to a minority company that has achieved outstanding success in penetrating a new marketing and notable success in providing quality products and services resulting in improvement of the environment, proficiency and customer satisfaction. Established in 2005 NationView specializes in general contracting, environmental services and masonry. Based in Birmingham, Ala., the company’s clients include federal, commercial and institutional clients throughout the United States, Puerto Rico and Japan. It employs 26 people.

**The Mobile Area Chamber’s role & local effort:** The Minority Business Development Agency – Mobile, a program of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is operated by the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce. Serving the states of Alabama and Mississippi, along with northwest Florida, its primary function is to educate minority business owners on a variety of entrepreneurial functions and increase their access to opportunities and resources. However, the center can assist companies throughout the U.S. Since its inception in 2006, the center has assisted minority businesses in acquiring more than \$1 billion in federal and private procurement contracts.

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Pictured: Janice Malone, executive director, BNI Business Resource Print & Ship Center  
Pictured: Preston Hughes, president of Hughes Plumbing & Utility Contractors