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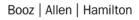






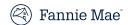




















































8:30a-9:30a

REGISTRATION

**WISEMAN BALLROOM** 

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

9:30A-12:00P

PLENARY SESSION

THEATER - MAIN STAGE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



Sharon R. Pinder President & CEO Capital Region Minority Supplier **Development Council** 



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9:55<sub>A</sub>

#### **FEATURED SPEAKER**



Mr. Richardson is the Founder and CEO of IMB which was started in 2010. He has 25 years of private equity experience, has invested over \$500 million of capital and completed over 20 platform buyouts and add-on acquisitions.

Prior to IMB, Tarrus co-founded ICV Partners, a \$440 million minority-owned private equity firm from 1998-2010 and worked at JLL Partners, a private equity firm with over \$2 billion of AUM, and Citibank (formerly Salomon Brothers).

Tarrus is the founder of the Council of Urban Professionals (CUP), a top leadership development and networking organization based in New York and Los Angeles and a founding board chair of All Star Code, a leading non-profit focused on helping boys of color code.

Mr. Richardson received a BS in Accounting from Purdue University (where he has served as the Purdue Black Alumni President and as Student Body President) and an MBA from Harvard Business School, where he was a Robert Toigo Fellow.

10:45A

RAFFLE PRIZES

10:50A

**BREAK** 

10:55<sub>A</sub>

#### **FEATURED SPEAKER**



#### The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly

Has the Federal Reserve successfully engineered a soft landing? Or, is the confluence of geopolitical conflict, a presidential election, rising consumer debt levels, and still high interest rates conspiring to produce economic downturn in 2024? It is difficult to know whether 2024 will be a good year – but one thing is clear – it will be a very interesting one. This presentation will supply in-depth analysis of major factors shaping economic outcomes, including interest rates, global conflict, wage dynamics, business confidence, and demographics. It will then turn toward a forecast for the coming year, highlighting the major risks that economic stakeholders will likely encounter.

Dr. Anirban Basu is Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc., a Baltimore-based economic and policy consultancy he founded in 2004. He serves the Chief Economist function for many organizations, including the Maryland Bankers Association and Associated Builders and Contractors. The Baltimore Business Journal named him one of the region's 20 most powerful business leaders in 2010. In 2022, he entered the Daily Record newspaper's Circle of Influence. He is the Distinguished Economist in Residence at Goucher College, where he teaches History of Economic Thought. He holds four graduate degrees, including a J.D. and a Ph.D.

11:55<sub>A</sub>

**RAFFLE PRIZES** 

#### 12:00p-1:00p

#### **NETWORKING LUNCHEON**

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#### **SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

#### **Tomaneci Waller Day**

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View Finalists on page 8



# CAPITAL READINESS PROGRAM Sonya Bigelow-Smith Director Capital Readiness Program



# ROUNDTABLE INSTRUCTIONS Joan Hairston Director, Corporate Services CRMSDC

#### 1:15p-2:50p

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CAPITAL READINESS ROOM

### CORPORATE / CAPITAL READINESS ROUNDTABLES

We have scheduled four 20-minute intervals for MBEs to engage with potential corporate partners. After the event, each of our 25 corporations will invite a minimum of 5 MBEs for follow-up one-on-one meetings to cultivate valuable relationships and identify future opportunities.

Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Session 4	
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1:35P		2:00P		2:25P		2:50P	

You may also visit the Capital Readiness Room to speak with our financial partners about your current and future capital needs.

#### 2:55p-3:00p

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

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Sharon R. Pinder and Ann Ramakumaran

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supporting growth in Maryland, the District
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enhance the diversity and innovation of their
supply chains. CRMSDC connects corporate
members to well established, certified
minority-owned business enterprises.

We accomplish this through a rigorous process of certifying that MBE suppliers are at least 51% owned, controlled and operated by ethnic minorities; providing educational programs and advice to certified businesses; and finally, creating strategic opportunities for corporate members and certified MBEs to connect for the purpose of doing business.

CRMSDC was established in 1972. It is one of 23 regional affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the only nationally recognized MBE certifying authority. CRMSDC is headquartered in Maryland.

CRMSDC also operates a U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Business Center. The Virginia MBDA Business Center, helps minority-owned firms create jobs, compete in the global economy and grow their businesses. Plus, we recently added the Capital Readiness Program which assists SEDIs through targeted support, resources and training to foster entrepreneurship, create jobs and enhance economic resilience in high-growth industries.

CRMSDC remains the region's only megacenter of economic development exclusively for minority businesses, offering MBEs the most comprehensive array of resources and services in the country.

#### **OUR MISSION & VISION**

CRMSDC provides its corporate members and certified MBE suppliers with a thriving ecosystem that fosters opportunities for partnership and growth.

CRMSDC acts as a catalyst for this network by providing progressive programs and developing events that (1) assist our MBE suppliers to develop their capabilities and their inherent entrepreneurial spirit, thus making them better prepared to engage with our corporate members; (2) serve our corporate members by helping to ensure the success of their supplier diversity programs; (3) cultivate relationships between our corporate members and MBE suppliers; and finally (4) advance the U.S. economy through successful MBEs who provide jobs and pay taxes.



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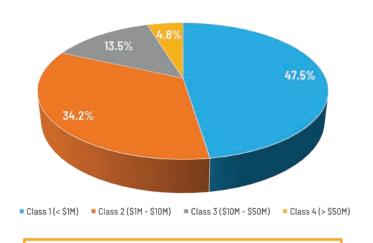






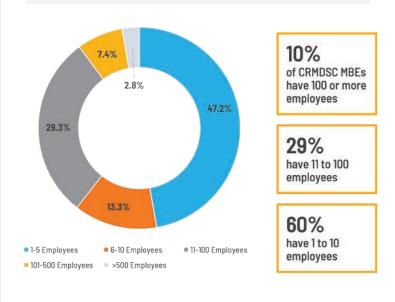
## FAST FACTS About CRMSDC MBEs

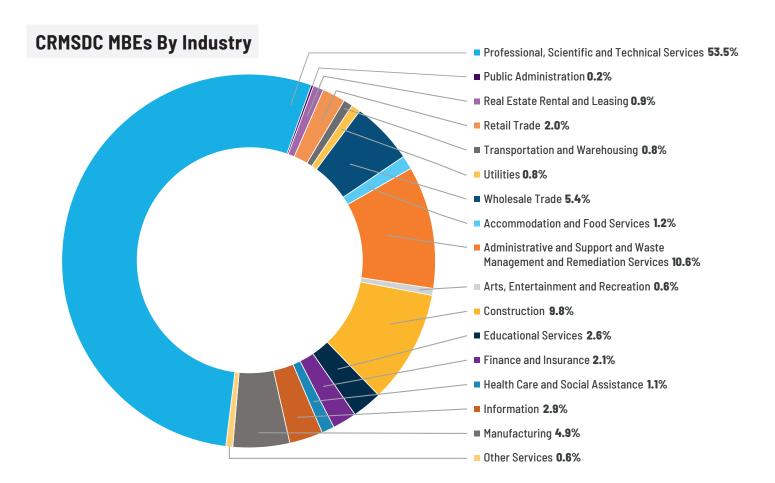
#### MBEs by Class / Revenue



**52%** of CRMSDC MBEs have annual revenues over \$1 million

#### **Number of Full-Time Employees**







### 2024 CORPORATE MEMBERS



































































































































































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You may also contact Delan Johnson, Senior Manager, Washington Gas at delan.johnson@washgas.com.



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