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## Upcoming Events



### **Comcast RISE Grant Program hosted by Comcast Business application process closes on Saturday, January 15, 2022**

Recently, small businesses have been dealing with the ongoing impact of the pandemic, social unrest, and environmental events. Small businesses owned by people of color have been some of the hardest hit. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, between February and April 2020, the number of active Black-owned businesses declined by 41%, Latinx-owned businesses declined by 32%, and Asian-owned businesses dropped by 25%, versus just 21% for the general population. Comcast RISE was created to invest in the success of these critical businesses by providing valuable and practical support.

There are separate applications for the marketing and technology services awards and the Comcast RISE Investment Fund. Eligible business owners may apply for either, or both programs.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#)

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**2021 Virtual Contractor College Sessions hosted by University of Maryland  
Medical System  
Tuesdays, November 23, 2021 – December 21, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Classes to provide information and training to Small Businesses and Minority Business Enterprises to better position them to win work with large Construction Managers/General Contractors, larger subcontractors/vendors, as well as other Owners

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To view the calendar of events, click [here](#)

To register, RSVP to Dawn hall at [dhall4@umm.edu](mailto:dhall4@umm.edu)

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**Virtual Equity First Speaker Series hosted by  
Associated Black Charities and Comcast  
Tuesday, November 30, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

For the fourth and final virtual session of *Equity First | a speaker series*, ABC is honored to host global media leader, philanthropist, producer, and actress Oprah Winfrey in a one-on-one interview led by ABC's President and CEO, Diane Bell-McKoy. The evening's conversation will explore Ms. Winfrey's experiences in Baltimore and her search for career equity, her approach to creating and maintaining authentic relationships, and her perspective on finding one's personal value within the imposed systems of our society.

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To register, click here

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**Sustainability in Manufacturing Virtual Conference hosted by  
Regional Manufacturing Institute  
Wednesday, December 1, 2021  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Hear from local and global manufacturers on why sustainability is important, how companies can benefit from implementing sustainability practices, what some of the challenges are in this process and what successes they have had in their own journeys to sustainability.

**Featuring Executives From These Maryland Companies & Organizations**

- Aquafin, C-Care, Hamilton Associates, McCormick, MD MEP,
- MD Energy Administration, Stanley Black & Decker,
- Strategic Factory, Textron Systems, Xometry

For more information and to register, click [here](#)

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**Greening Your Business Program hosted by  
Maryland Department of the Environment in partnership with the Regional  
Manufacturing Institute of Maryland and Potomac-Hudson Engineering  
Applications due by Friday, December 3, 2021**

Ready to re-energize your company's sustainability efforts? The Greening Your Business program, offered at no cost by the Maryland Department of the Environment in partnership with the Regional Manufacturing Institute of Maryland and Potomac-Hudson Engineering, will provide an independent contractor to help your company identify waste reduction and energy and water-saving opportunities that save you money. In addition, the program will help boost the impact of your green team, increase employee engagement, and create a simple structure that places your organization on a path of continual improvement.

For more information, click [here](#)

To apply, click [here](#)

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**2021 Virtual Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC)  
Annual Conference  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 & Thursday December 9, 2021  
12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

For nearly 30 years, ICIC has worked with and celebrated high-growth small businesses in under-resourced communities that are economic catalysts for their neighborhoods. This year's Annual Conference brings together our dynamic network of program participants, alumni, and collaborators to celebrate the resilience of the extraordinary

entrepreneurs in our community who continue to battle through the economic uncertainty brought on by the pandemic. The conference marks the culmination of the [Inner City Capital Connections \(ICCC\) program](#) as well as the reveal of the annual [Inner City 100 awards](#), celebrating the 100 fastest-growing businesses in under-resourced communities across the country.

This year's virtual conference will be hosted over two days in December and will feature educational content relevant to the economic impact of the ongoing pandemic, high-profile keynote addresses, and multiple networking opportunities with more than 1,000 business owners from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Attendees will leave the conference with strengthened business recovery strategies to help build capacity, remain agile, and emerge stronger as they lead their companies into 2022.

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**Minority Outreach Fair hosted by Maryland Live! Casino & Hotel**  
**Friday, December 10, 2021**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Maryland Live! Casino and Hotel Event Center,**  
**7002 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover MD, 21076**

The Minority Outreach Fair is intended to assist your company in identifying work and/or contractual opportunities with top prime companies and government agencies. There is so much valuable and worthwhile information distributed at this event that arriving when the event begins at 8:00am is a good idea to accomplish your goals and identify business for your company to pursue.

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## **Workshops**

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