

*Rhode Island*  
**MINORITY ENTERPRISE  
DEVELOPMENT** *Week*

CELEBRATING MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS SUCCESS

Dear MED Week supporters,

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce of Rhode Island (HACCRI) invite you to participate in the 2010 Rhode Island Minority Enterprise Development Week activities. This year's celebration will be during Hispanic Heritage Month and take place on October 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

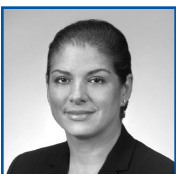
Since 1999, MED Week has been celebrated in the state of Rhode Island with the contributions of corporations, organizations and small minority businesses. This year we are thrilled and honored to have the support of our partner agencies the *RI Small Business Development Center, Progreso Latino, Center for Women & Enterprise* and *SCORE*.

This event will provide an opportunity for small business owners to discuss issues of concern in their particular industries, pending legislation and policy changes affecting the minority small business community with members of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation. We will also honor the 2010 Rhode Island Minority Small Business Person of the Year and other Rhode Island small, minority and women-owned businesses, recognizing their contributions to the state's economy.

MED Week will also feature a series of free workshops covering topics of value to small businesses, a business 2 business expo and a government contracting matchmaker fair that will allow minority small business owners to explore opportunities in government contracting.

We invite you to celebrate with us by attending or sponsoring this extraordinary event. Please call (401) 331-2615 or email [info@haccri.org](mailto:info@haccri.org) for more information.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



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