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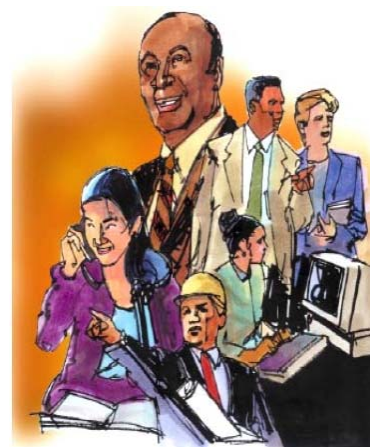
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2011 Heart of Illinois Business to Business Symposium and Buyers Forum

Greetings, Floyd.

Please accept this transmission as an invitation to our upcoming 2011 **Heart of Illinois Business to Business (B2B) Symposium** on Tuesday, **11 October 2011**, at The Gateway Building located at 200 NE Water Street, **Peoria, Illinois 61602**.

The Heart of Illinois B2B Symposium is a business networking activity designed to create new markets for suppliers and new sources for buyers. It is a corporate and minority business exchange.



Designed to enable Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) the opportunity to identify current marketplace needs and appropriate personnel within the area's leading corporations and government agencies, the 2011 Heart of Illinois B2B Symposium also focuses on providing buyers and procurement decision makers the opportunity to identify new, competitive sources of services and supplies.

Buying companies slated to be in attendance at this year's event are:

Accenture; Advatech, A Company of URS and MHIA; Alberici Constructors; Ameren; Anixter, Inc.; Archer Daniels Midland Company; Asplundh Tree Expert Company; AT&T; Cargill; Case New Holland; Caterpillar, Inc.; Deere & Company; Economic Development Council for Central Illinois; HP-ES; Illinois PTAC at the Heartland Partnership; Illinois State University; Iyka Enterprises, Inc.; JF Electric; Keane, Inc.; L. Keeley Construction Company; LE Myers Company; Michels Corporation; Mitsubishi; Nicor; Par-A-Dice Hotel Casino; Peoria Black Chamber of Commerce; Progressive Impressions, Intl.; RR Donnelley; Sachs Electric Company; State Farm Insurance Companies; Tabitha Ventures, Inc.; U.S. Small Business Administration; URS; US Bank; and Utilities Service Corp.

Through a series of focus-group discussions, MBEs are efficiently able to market their capabilities and capacities to major corporations and government agencies, and buyers are able to inform MBEs of their procurement processes in a relaxed, personable setting - in one location - in one day.

Registration Information

MBEs - <http://hoi2011mbe.eventbrite.com/>

Buyers - <http://hoi2011buyer.eventbrite.com/>

Government Agencies - <http://hoi2011government.eventbrite.com/>

Keynote Speaker

Paul V. La Schiazza, President AT&T Illinois

Chicagoland native, Paul V. La Schiazza, serves as President of AT&T Illinois, one of the largest private employers in the state with more than 18,500 employees. A 31-year veteran of AT&T Corp., Mr. La Schiazza began his telecommunications career in 1979 with Indiana Bell. He has held several positions in AT&T companies in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, and Wisconsin in product management, marketing, engineering, installation and maintenance, central office maintenance, and regulatory and government affairs. He was named President of AT&T Illinois in October 2006.



Under Mr. La Schiazza's leadership, the company has successfully advanced multiple major legislative efforts at the State Capitol in Springfield and during Mr. La Schiazza's tenure as President of AT&T Illinois, the company has invested more than \$3.6 Billion in its wireless and wireline networks in Illinois and during the same time, the company and its employees have contributed more than \$22 Million in charitable and foundation-giving programs in Chicago and throughout the state. He also is deeply involved in volunteer leadership efforts in Illinois.

Mr. La Schiazza is a 1979 graduate of Purdue University's Krannert School of Management, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Management. He and his wife, Cynthia, live in the northern suburbs of Chicago and are the proud parents of two children.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, 11 October 2011

7:00 a.m. - Registration

8:00 a.m. - Keynote Presentation and Award Ceremony

9:00 a.m. - Buyers Forum

12:00 Noon - Conclusion

Lodging

Holiday Inn City Center

500 Hamilton Blvd.

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Mark Twain Hotel

225 E. Adams Street

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