

**SMALL BUSINESS FORUM
REPORT PREPARED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **Next meeting:** The next of the Small Business Forum will occur October 5, 2010. See item no. 5 below.
2. **Council approval:** No matters require Council approval.
3. **Membership:** We communicate with the planning committee by e-mail and teleconference. We publicize the Small Business Forum events through e-mails to BLS members, e-mails to previous attendees, and press releases.
4. **Accomplishments Toward Committee Objectives:** We are achieving our goal of hosting three Forum events throughout the year. We still desire to increase diversity of those who attend the Forum events. We welcome anyone's suggestions.
5. **Meetings and Programs:** On Tuesday, October 5, 2010 at 5:30 PM, the Small Business Forum will sponsor its third event for 2010. To be held at the Columbia Center in Troy, the topic will be "Leadership in Business during Uncertain and Challenging Times." Our moderator will be Larry Fobes, the Director of the Institute for Organizational and Industrial Competitiveness at WSU's School of Business Administration. The host of the Emmy award winning "Leaders on Leadership" television series on PBS, Larry will present video vignettes of his interviews with business CEOs and presidents (and perhaps with a few government or non-profit leaders, as well) who have faced some of the same challenges that confront us now. He will then lead a group discussion on how what we have learned applies to business today.
6. **Publications:** We have published no articles.
7. **Methods of Monitoring Legislative/Judicial/Administrative Developments and Recommended Action:** We do not make regular efforts to monitor court decisions or activities in the Michigan legislature or the U.S. Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

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