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**AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OFFERS
2 for 1 MEMBERSHIPS TO STRENGTHEN ADVOCACY**

January 5, 2009 - The African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties, Inc. offers two at the price of one membership to individuals and small businesses. We invite you and a colleague of same classification (small business and a small business or an individual and an individual), to join. The Chamber extends this offers with the two-fold purpose of helping to elevate the financial devastation of keeping a small business afloat in this failing economy and to increase the Chamber's membership base, thereby strengthening its ability to help advance the success of the membership.

"Realizing that there is great strength in numbers, it is the Chamber's daily pursuit to be a stronger advocate for our membership," said Chamber President, Robin Douglas. "We empathize with the small business owner and invite them to come aboard free of charge to show that we understand."

Local individuals and small business are encouraged to take advantage of this one-time offer for 2 at the price of 1 membership with the African American Chamber of Commerce by Friday, January 23, 2009. The membership is good for one full year. Applicants must join at together and at the same time by fax or mail.

The AACCW, Inc. was established June 28, 1996 as an independent not-for-profit agency, to aid, counsel and protect the interests of African American businesses. The mission is to preserve competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of Westchester and Rockland Counties.

To join the Chamber or for more information, please call 914-699-4749 or log on to www.AACCNYS.org.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
WESTCHESTER & ROCKLAND COUNTIES, INC.

“Wars on nations are fought to change maps. But wars on poverty are fought to map change.”

Muhammad Ali
Professional Boxer

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Dear Colleague,

You now have a unique opportunity to enhance your professional skills, to become a more valuable asset to your organization – to do something important for yourself.

How? By joining the African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties, Inc., (Chamber) a membership organization, which is open to individuals, businesses and organizations.

As President/CEO of the Chamber, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce you to this exciting organization. The Chamber was designed with input from Chamber friends and supporters. We have created an organization that will provide you with value-added benefits you can use to:

- **Advance** your professional development through chamber-sponsored conferences, seminars and workshops.
- **Networking** regionally and on a statewide basis with individuals, companies and other organizations interested in achieving quality bottom-line results.
- **Learn** about cutting-edge strategies and effective improvement practices in our newsletter.
- **Realize** meaningful discounts on events.
- **Achieve** concrete results for yourself, your organization and your community.

I encourage you to review the enclosed brochure to find out more about the Chamber and all that it offers. I'm sure you'll agree the small investment you'll make in membership dues will return great dividends in knowledge, skills and professional growth.

To become a member of the Chamber, just complete the enclosed form and return it with your payment. Take your place among New York's best – *Join today!*

Sincerely,

Robin L. Douglas

Robin L. Douglas
President/CEO/Founder

Enclosure:

African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties, Inc.

WHAT IS THE AACCCR, INC.?

The Mission: The African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties, Inc. (Chamber) was established June 28, 1996 as an independent not-for-profit agency to aid, counsel and protect the interests of African American businesses. Our mission is to preserve competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of Westchester and Rockland Counties. For additional information on how to join the Chamber call 914-699-4749 or go to: www.aaccnys.org

Objectives of the Chamber:

1. To promote a better understanding of the nation's private enterprise system.
2. To coordinate the efforts of commerce, industry and the professions in maintaining and strengthening a sound and healthy business climate in the Westchester/Rockland area.
3. To sponsor aggressive programs of work and stimulate activities that will provide for full development and employment of our human and economic resources.
4. To provide creative business leadership and effective coordination of all interested parties in solving community problems and in initiating constructive community action.
5. To create broad understanding and appreciation of the great opportunities in the Westchester/Rockland area, and to promote the advantages and assets of our community within the area, in the state and in the world.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO MEMBERSHIP?

2009 MEMBER BENEFITS:

- **Group Insurance Program**
- **Business Assistance Programs**
- **Access to Capital – M/WBE Micro Loan Fund**
- **Networking Receptions**
- **Education Seminars**
- **Business Development Roundtable Meetings**
- ****Free Listing in the Business-to-Business Directory**
- ****Free Listing on the Business-to-Business Web Directory**
- **Procurement Development Program**
 - **Hudson Valley PREP Program**
- **Media Coverage Opportunities:**
 - **Radio, Cable & Newsletter**
 - **The Chamber Report the TV Show**
- **Expos**
&
Interactive Networking Opportunities:
 - **Legislative Business-to-Business Reception**
 - **Business-to-Business Exchange**&
Women's History Month Luncheon
 - **Ten Influential Blacks Reception**
 - **Juneteenth Celebration**
 - **13th Annual Awards Dinner**
 - **Golf Invitational**
 - **Book Signings**
 - **Member Receptions**
 - **Joint Venture Receptions**
 - **and much much more.....**