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AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER and NYS SENATOR HILLARY RODHAM-CLINTON KICK OFF CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

February 7, 2004 - The African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties, Inc. invites the public to have breakfast with New York State Senator Hillary-Rodham Clinton during it's annual Celebration of Women in recognition of Women's History Month, 8am, Monday, March 1, 2004 at the Hilton, Rye Town, NY. Breakfast will be followed by seminars, lunch and an evening reception.

Senator Clinton is expected to inform the group on the state of minority business, opportunities available on the national level and issues surrounding the concerns of today's minority business owner, among other topics.

Businesses development seminars are scheduled to follow breakfast. Luncheon honorees are Jacqueline E. McCullough, Pastor Beth Rapha House of Healing and NBC President and CEO, Pamela Thomas-Graham who will also give the keynote address. CBS Personal Finance Correspondent, Sharon Epperson of New Rochelle will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

"The Celebration of Women is a fundraiser for our young chamber, said Robin Douglas, Chamber President/CEO/Founder, "but it is also an opportunity for our membership, the business and social community to join the Chamber in praising the accomplishments and contributions of women around our nation and local community."

Business development seminar topics include:

- Procurement opportunities for small businesses with city, state, federal agencies and Grown Zero.
- How do I become a valued supplier to the corporate community?
- How can I certify my business?
- Help is on the way.... MTA PREP Course, SBA, MBDA and others....

Confirmed seminar presenters are Ken Neal, Director Minority Business, MTA; Donnavan Bedford, Director Westchester One-Stop Center; Alvin Goode, Director Westchester Entrepreneurial Assistance.

All luncheon attendees will receive a one-year paid subscription to Black Enterprise Magazine and are encouraged to bring a laundered item of women's clothing to be donated to a local women's shelter.

The AACCWR, 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 to make reservations to attend the Celebration of Women call 914-699-4749 or log on to www.AfricanAmericanChamberofCommerceNYS.org.

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