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## Press Release

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### **25 Influential Women In Business – Making a Difference Awards Luncheon 2013** *Theme: Leading the Way*

Washington, DC (September 3, 2013) – *MEA Magazine* is hosting our 12<sup>th</sup> annual awards luncheon **25 Influential Women In Business- Making a Difference** at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, located at 1127 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036 on **Wednesday, October 2, 2013** from 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. This is a great opportunity to have your company recognized for your professional excellence and dedication to your community.

Our keynote speaker is **Ms. Tonya Speed**, Founder of **Washington Premier Consulting** ([www.wpc-llc.com](http://www.wpc-llc.com)). Washington Premier Consulting provides legislative advocacy with integrity; political positioning; and crisis management services.

Women being honored will come from the following industries: energy, import/export, hospitality, manufacturing, IT, cyber security, construction, healthcare, education, finance and investment, telecommunications, communications, etc. **Special recognitions** for: Supplier Diversity Executive of the Year; Engineering and Technology Executive of the Year; Construction Executive of the Year; Humanitarian Executive of the Year; Advocacy Executive of the Year will be presented.

Invited speakers and guest include: **First Lady Michelle Obama**; **Sheila C. Johnson**, Founder & CEO, Salamander Hotels & Resorts; **David Hinson**, National Director, U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency; **Governor Martin O'Malley**, State of Maryland; **Hon. Karen Bass** (CA-37); **Hon. Eddie Bernice Johnson** (TX-30); **Hon. Donna Edwards** (MD-04); **Hon. Gregory Meeks** (NY-06); **Hon. Elijah Cummings** (MD-07); **Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton** (DC); **Hon. Bobby Scott** (VA-03); **Frederica Wilson** (FL-24); **Hon. Judy Chu** (CA-27); **Hon. Linda Sanchez** (CA-39). Master of ceremonies is **Mr. Lamont Hames**, Chief Business Development Officer at UNCF Special Programs.

MEA Magazine is a business tool for small/minority, women and veteran-owned businesses. This event will present the opportunity to network and create new partnerships. The men and women being honored are business leaders who are doing business nationally or internationally; empowering communities around the world and shaping our economic future.

Live entertainment and a lavish lunch will be served. One corporate table of 10 is \$2,500. Please reserve your seating in advance; there is no on-site registration. For more information call us at (703) 730-4091 or email at [vpwilliams@comcast.net](mailto:vpwilliams@comcast.net). Visit our website at [www.meamagazine.com](http://www.meamagazine.com).

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