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Wednesday, May 10

12 noon–6:00 p.m.

Registration

Grand Hyatt Independence Foyer

12:45–5:00 p.m.

U.S. Chamber Small Business Council Meeting

By Invitation Only

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

2:30–5:00 p.m.

Federation Partnership Coalition Meeting

By Invitation Only

Grand Hyatt Farragut/Lafayette Room

6:00–8:00p.m.

An Evening in Washington, DC

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

6:00–8:00 p.m.

Cocktails at the Chamber

Join your colleagues for cocktails in the historic U.S. Chamber's Hall of Flags. Catch up and network with fellow attendees and enjoy this evening of camaraderie.

Power Photos

Take it all in. Make your way to the U.S. Chamber rooftop for a stunning view of the White House. Have your picture taken with the nation's most powerful residence as the backdrop.

Sponsored by: Verizon

8:00 p.m.

Dine Around DC

Enjoy a beautiful spring evening in the nation's capital and experience fine cuisine at the best restaurants in the Capital District.

Thursday, May 11

7:00–8:00 a.m.

Registration

Grand Hyatt Independence Foyer

7:00–8:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

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8:00–8:15 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Thomas J. Donohue

President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

8:15–9:15 a.m.

Countdown to Election Day 2006

Who Will Take Control?

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Washington's renowned political analysts engage in a lively discussion about the twists and turns of the upcoming 2006 elections. Listen as these political experts explore how the election outcomes will shape the future.

Moderated by: Gwen Ifill

Moderator and Managing Editor

Washington Week

Charlie Cook

Editor and Publisher

The Cook Political Report

Stuart Rothenberg

Editor and Publisher

The Rothenberg Political Report

9:15–9:30 a.m.

Networking Break/Trade Show

Grand Hyatt Independence Level

9:30–10:15 a.m.

Achieving Better Health at a Lower Cost

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Join the Honorable Newt Gingrich for a discussion of cutting-edge ideas on how solve the health care crisis. Find out what is in the future for health care and what it will mean to small businesses.

Hon. Newt Gingrich (R-GA)

Former Speaker of the House of Representatives

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10:15–10:45 a.m.

Innovation and Partnership: How Government Supports Small Business

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Hon. Hillary Clinton (D-NY)

U.S. Senator

10:45–11:15 a.m.

Networking Break/Trade Show

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11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Breakout Sessions (*Choose One*)

Breakout A

It Only Takes One to Break a Small Business!

The Impact of Litigation on Small Business and Efforts to Reform the Legal System

Participate in a discussion on how frivolous litigation and lawsuits hinder small businesses. Learn what can be done to throw a wrench into the lawsuit machine!

Moderated by: Lisa Rickard

President, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform

Bernie Merritt

Co-Founder, Weber Merritt LLC

Nancy Taylor

Shareholder, Greenberg Traurig LLP

Dennis Herrington

BHMV, Inc., Springfield, IL

Mike Carter

part-owner, Monroe Rubber and Gasket, Monroe, LA

Breakout B

Never Forget a Name or Face

Improve Your Memory to Improve Your Bottom Line

Upgrade your memory to work smarter and faster with timely strategies and illustrations from world renowned memory expert, Scott Bornstein. Achieve faster success in a diverse and increasingly complex information-driven world with this amazing session.

Scott Bornstein

Founder

Bornstein Knowledge Management Systems

Breakout C

Bad Things Can Happen to Good Businesses

Adequately Insuring Small and Midsize Business Now
Thinking Outside the Business Owner's Policy (BOP)

Exorbitant litigation costs, increased customer and stakeholder scrutiny, expansion abroad ... these and other factors have made it critical for small business owners to look beyond a basic insurance program. Learn how to protect your business—and keep it growing.

Moderated by: Carol Hallett

Of Counsel

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Craig A. Berrington
Wiley, Rein & Fielding

Anthony Montville
President and CEO, Healthteck Solutions, Inc.

Vincent C. Tizzio
President, AIG Small Business

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Breakout D

Access to Markets—Government and Private Sector Review How And Where Are Entrepreneurs Acquiring Customers?

Listen to survey results addressing business trends on market opportunities through the local, state, and federal government, as well as the private sector. Find out how business owners, including women and minorities, acquire opportunities. Representatives from the various market segments will be on hand for a candid discussion and to offer solutions.

Moderated by: Rita Perlman
Executive Director, Access America
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Joseph P. Loddo
District Director, Washington Metropolitan Area District Office
U.S. Small Business Administration

Mary McDaniel
Vice President, Material and Corporate Sourcing
FedEx Express

Ralph C. Thomas III
Special Counsel, Government Contracts Section, Buchanan Ingersoll PC, and former Assistant Administrator for Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Breakout E

Tapping the Global Market How Small Businesses Are Growing Via International Trade

Learn to navigate the often rocky and complex road of trade in the global market. Listen as a panel of specialists discuss practical approaches and resources available to help small businesses succeed in the global market.

Moderated by: Leslie Schweitzer
Senior Trade Advisor, TradeRoots

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Linda Conlin
Member, Board of Directors
Export-Import Bank of the United States

Richard Ginsburg
Senior International Trade Specialist and Director, Strategic Alliances
Small Business Administration

Thomas McGinty
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary and National Director, Office of
Domestic Operations
Department of Commerce

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Subcouncil on International Competitiveness

12:15–1:30 p.m.

Small Business Superstar

Lunch With One of America's Small Business Successes
Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Listen as Fred Smith, President and CEO of FedEx, discusses the importance of small business to both the U.S. and world economy. He stresses the importance of innovation in small business and the need for flexible work models that allow small business to compete more effectively in a flexible economy.

Frederick W. Smith
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
FedEx Corporation

Hosted by: Giovanni Coratolo, Executive Director
U.S. Chamber Small Business Policy and the U.S. Chamber Small
Business Council

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FedEx Corporation

1:45–5:45 p.m.

Rally on the Hill

U.S. Capitol

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1:45–2:30 p.m.

Transportation to the U.S. Capitol

Buses depart from Grand Hyatt lobby

2:30–3:30 p.m.

Playing the DC Game

How Small Businesses Get Heard on Capitol Hill
Cannon Caucus Room

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Featuring real-life role playing between Chamber lobbyists and relevant staff persons on the Hill, this session includes grassroots strategies and demonstrates how a member is influenced by his constituent's position on issues.

Moderated by: Rolf Lundberg
Senior Vice President, Congressional and
Public Affairs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Ed Mortimer
Director, Transportation Infrastructure, Executive Director,
Americans for Transportation Mobility
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Katie Strong
Director, Health Care
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Meet the Leaders
U.S. Congressional Leadership Address the Audience
Cannon Caucus Room

Hear from Capitol insiders on what Congress is doing to help businesses in America grow strong. Listen in on the latest legislation, policies, and plans for the future.

Moderated by: William C. Miller Jr.
National Political Director and Vice President of
Congressional and Public Affairs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Hector V. Barreto Jr.
Administrator
Small Business Administration

Hon. Dennis J. Hastert (R-IL), Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Donald Manzullo (R-IL), Chairman, Small Business Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Hon. Juanita Millender-McDonald (D-CA), Second Ranking Member
on the House Small Business Committee

Hon. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Minority Leader

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U.S. House of Representatives

4:30–5:45 p.m.

Small Business Storms the Senate and the House

See Your Representatives and Tell Them What Matters to You
Capitol Hill

Visit your representatives and make your voice heard.

6:30–10:00 p.m.

Small Business Is Big Business!

Celebrating the Spirit of Enterprise and Extraordinary
Accomplishment
Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Celebrate business at this elegant dinner and awards ceremony for the
U.S. Chamber Small Business of the Year.

Hosted by: Maura Donahue
President, Donahue Favret Contractors
Chair, U.S. Chamber Board of Directors

Sponsored by: AIG

Friday, May 12

7:00–8:00 a.m.

Networking Breakfast

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Sponsored by: Sam's Club

8:00–8:15 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Suzanne P. Clark
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

8:15–9:30 a.m.

Right—Left—Center!

A Backstage Pass to What's Really Happening in Washington Politics
Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Hear the real stories behind the rhetoric. Get a behind-the-scenes
look at politics today from experts on both sides of the aisle.

Ed Gillespie
Founder and Co-Chairman, Quinn, Gillespie & Associates
Former Chairman of the Republican National Committee

David Gregory

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Chief White House Correspondent
NBC News

Terry McAuliffe
Former Chairman
Democratic National Committee

9:30–10:00 a.m.

Networking Break/Trade Show
Grand Hyatt Independence Level

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Perspectives from the Administration

John W. Snow
Secretary of the Treasury

10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.

Networking Break/Trade Show
Grand Hyatt Independence Level

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Breakout Sessions (*Choose One*)

Breakout F

Economic Outlook
A View of What Lies Ahead

The U.S. Chamber's chief economist sheds light on the current state of the economy and examines its potential for growth. Listen as he cuts through the rhetoric and shares his outlook in clear, straightforward terms.

Dr. Martin A. Regalia
Vice President and Chief Economist
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

John Felmy
Chief Economist and Director of Policy and Statistics
American Petroleum Institute

Frank Nothaft
Vice President and Chief Economist
Freddie Mac

Breakout G

The Seven Irrefutable Rules of Small Business Growth

More than any other objective, businesses want to grow. Yet surprisingly, most privately held businesses don't have the formalized

systems in place to help them achieve this goal. Learn what it takes to grow your business effectively and profitably with seven proven growth strategies.

Steve Little
Senior Consultant
Inc. Magazine

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Breakout H

The Next Generation: Finding Tomorrow's Leaders Today Hiring and Keeping Talent to Support Growth

Learn about grassroots programs that make attracting and retaining talent easier in an era of labor and skill shortage. Hear workforce preparation experts discuss best practices for training and keeping talented workers.

Moderated by: Rick Corcoran
Fellow
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Marcel Legrand
Senior Vice President, Strategy, Planning, and Research
Monster

Jason Lovelace
Vice President of Corporate Marketing
CareerBuilder.com

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Breakout I

The Worst They Can Do Is Eat You Passion and Resiliency in Your Business

This session strongly opposes the notion that if you want to become wealthy you should start a business and debunks the myths of business start-ups. Take an irreverent and humorous look at the complex intersection of start-up business, financial health, physical well-being, and family life.

Barry Moltz
Author

Breakout J

High Speed to Profits Leveraging Communications to Drive and Promote Your Business

Today, information travels at the speed of light. The promise of the Internet age is realized as consumers engage in e-commerce at record rates, search for businesses online, and put privacy concerns behind them. Affordable and reliable access to high-speed Internet is now

critical for growth. How will broadband attract small business customers? How should the regulatory framework encourage pricing competition? Leaders provide insights into where the industry is headed and how to best use communication technology to drive success in your business.

Moderated by: William Kovacs
Vice President, Environment, Technology, and Regulatory Affairs
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Chip Arndt
Merchant Advantage
Executive Vice President, Business Development

Glen Couper
BellSouth

Tom Loveland
Founder and CEO
Mind Over Machines
Eric Fitzgerald Reed
Director, Market Issues and Policy
Verizon Communications

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12:00–1:30 p.m.

The Big Small Business Luncheon
Grand Hyatt Independence Ballroom

Small business leaders discuss key trends and new strategies employed by successful entrepreneurs.

Jim Blasingame
Creator and Host
The Small Business Advocate

Rick Corcoran Jr.
Co-owner, Slate LD, LLC, dba Let's Dish!

Eric Fankhauser
Vice President, Toledo Metal Spinning Company

Gregg Steinberg
President, International Profit Associates (IPA)

Stephen H. Watkins
CEO, Entrex, Inc.

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Educational Options, Inc,
Entrex Inc.
Fidelity
Johnson City Chamber of Commerce
Mind Over Machines
National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL)

1:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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