

2019 AMAC
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FORUM

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BWI Marshall Airport to Host the AMAC Economic Opportunity and Policy Forum

WASHINGTON, DC (August 19, 2019) – Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall Airport) will host the Airport Minority Advisory Council's (AMAC) Economic Opportunity and Policy Forum from September 11 – 12, 2019 during Congressional Black Caucus Week. The forum will be held at the Washington Marriott Metro Center in downtown Washington, DC. To register or become a sponsor, please visit WWW.AMACFORUM.COM.

The Economic Opportunity and Policy Forum will feature presentations related to airport economic opportunities and AMAC's federal legislative agenda. The forum will include panel discussions and a networking reception that will allow attendees to engage with policymakers regarding the aviation industry and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. Additionally, the forum will be hosted by BET Award Winning Journalist, Jeff Johnson. Jeff is a master communicator, strategist and architect of social solutions. He has conducted interviews with President Barack Obama and provides regular content on the nationally syndicated Rickey Smiley Morning Show. He has also served as National Director for the Youth & College Division of the NAACP and held an appointment by Russell Simmons as the Vice President of the Hip Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN).

"We look forward to welcoming aviation leaders from across the industry and around the country," said Ricky Smith, Executive Director of BWI Marshall Airport. "The forum will provide outstanding insight and fresh information to key airport, government, and business professionals. AMAC plays an important leadership role in supporting the development of minority and women-owned businesses in the aviation sector."

"This is a key opportunity for both AMAC and BWI Marshall Airport stakeholders alike to stand for economic inclusivity in our industry," said Anthony Barnes, Chief Operating Officer of AMAC. "We look forward to continuing to be at the forefront for policy initiatives impacting our industries."

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About the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC)

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) is the only national, non-profit trade association dedicated to advance the full participation of minorities and women in employment and contracting opportunities throughout the aviation and aerospace industries. Since 1984, AMAC has been at the forefront of nearly every national policy initiative impacting the participation of disadvantaged businesses in airport contracting. AMAC works consistently with Congress, the Federal government, aviation trade associations and others as a resource for information, education and guidance on business and employment matters. For more information, visit www.amac-org.com.

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall Airport)

BWI Marshall Airport has a total economic impact of \$9.3 billion. BWI Marshall and its visitors generate and support more than 106,000 jobs throughout the region. The airport's passenger traffic grew to 27.1 million in 2018, the fourth-straight record year. BWI Marshall remains the busiest airport in the Washington-Baltimore region.