



## AIRPORT MINORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

On December 22, 2017 President Trump signed H.R. 1 - the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act", a sweeping tax reform bill into law at an Oval Office ceremony, referring to the tax cuts in the legislation as the "biggest ever." While many will argue the size and scope of the law, what is clear is that the new law represents the most comprehensive reform effort since the Reagan Administration in 1986. The United States Tax Code impacts every segment of the American economy and peeling back the many layers of the law to gain a better understanding of its implications for you and your business should be a priority in 2018.

On Thursday, January 25, we will host a webinar to address some of the key highlights of the new tax law. Please stay tuned for additional information as we work to keep you equipped with the pertinent tools and information for continued success in 2018.



Sincerely,

Krystal J. Brumfield  
President & CEO  
AMAC / AMAC Foundation

Save the Date! Join us August 21-25, 2018 for our [34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities](#) at the Westin Seattle hosted by the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac).

## EVENTS

### AMAC Academy Webinar: Is Your Business Protected from Cyber Attacks?

AMAC in cooperation with NGEN presents *Is Your Business Protected from Cyber Attacks?* This session will focus on cyber security and protecting your organizations assets. Cyber security should be the #1 focus and priority for organizations today. This course will underline why protecting your organizations assets, information and intellectual property continues to be increasingly difficult with a growing number of employees using their own devices and applications at work.

Online Webinar  
Thursday, January 11, 2018  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

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## 2018 AMAC Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) present AMAC's 2018 34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities at the Westin Seattle from August 21 - 25, 2018.

AMAC's Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference continues to bring together over 1,000 businesses, aviation professionals, government officials and individuals from around the country to discuss a variety of subjects ranging from how to do business at airports to public policy issues impacting the entire aviation industry. This highly acclaimed conference is the premier aviation industry event of the year - serving as a hub for education, advocacy and networking opportunities that promote diversity and inclusion in airports.

The Westin Seattle  
Tuesday, August 21 - Saturday, August 25, 2018  
7:30 am - 12:00 pm PST

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## The Transportation Research Board (TRB) 97th Annual Meeting

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) 97th Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The information-packed program is expected to attract more than 13,000 transportation professionals from around the world to Washington, D.C., January 7-11, 2018.

The TRB Annual Meeting program covers all transportation modes, with more than 5,000 presentations in nearly 750 sessions and workshops addressing topics of interest to all attendees-policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions.

Walter E. Washington Convention Center  
Sunday, January 7 - Thursday, January 11 2018  
10:00 am - 7:00 pm EST

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## CVS Supplier Diversity Business Building Event

CVS Health is seeking diverse service providers for the following categories: Landscaping; Pest Control; Electrical Contractor; Housekeeping; HVAC; Lot Sweeping; Plumbing Vendor; Uniforms; Fire Alarm Vendor; Rugs; Burglar Alarm Vendor; General Contractors; Fire Suppression; Building Supplies; Fire Extinguisher; Air Compressor; Snow Plowing; Baler Repairs; Rolling Stock; Pallets Program/Services; Overhead Doors; Dock Equipment; Conveyor System; Custodial Generator; All Repairs & Maintenance and Refrigeration Company

Once your registration is complete, your profile will be further reviewed for consideration to secure a business meeting with a decision maker according to the services you provide. Participation provides diverse suppliers with a unique opportunity to meet one-on-one in pre-scheduled 15

minute meetings. You'll meet with CVS Health category specific decision makers to compete for potential business opportunities over the next 12-18 months.

KCP&L  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm CT

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## Annual Billion Dollar Luncheon: 1 Billion in Opportunities at Tampa Airport

The National Association of Black Women in Construction is hosting its Annual Billion Dollar Luncheon on Friday, January 19th, 2018 during their Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida. The speaker will be CEO of Tampa International Airport, Joseph Lopano, who will be sharing with us about the one billion dollars in opportunities at Tampa Airport.

Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Airport  
Friday, January 19, 2018  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm CT

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## Solicitation of Proposals for the SFO Terminal 1 Food & Beverage Concession Leases

The San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is preparing to commence the selection process for nine food and beverage leases in Terminal 1. See [attached](#) information regarding these opportunities.

If you are interested in receiving further information please complete and return the [attached](#) response form by January 19, 2018. Small, local, and disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to participate. If you would like more information about SFO's Small Business Affairs Office, contact [small.business@flysfo.com](mailto:small.business@flysfo.com) or call 650.821.5021.

SFO Aviation Museum and Library  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
10:00 am - 1:30 pm PST

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### **James Paradies Remembered for His Airport Concessions Industry Contributions**

Paradies Lagardère is deeply saddened to announce that James Paradies, 87, of Atlanta, Georgia passed away on Friday, December 22, 2017. James and his brother Dan Paradies, co-founded The Paradies Shops, now Paradies Lagardère, and were trailblazers in what's now known as the modern travel retail industry.



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### **New Shops and F&B Outlets In LAX's Terminal 3**

Los Angeles International Airport's (LAX) Terminal 3 has opened a new retail and dining line-up that includes nearly 10,000 square feet of space, 17 new brands, nine LA-based favorites and eight concepts never before seen in US airports. The "new travel experience" at LAX's follows Delta Air Lines' relocation to Terminals 2 and 3.



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### **Cassie Nelson Named Paradies Lagardère's Vice President of Food & Beverage Operations**

Paradies Lagardère announced that Cassie Nelson has joined the company as Vice President of Food and Beverage Operations. In her role, Cassie will identify and facilitate initiatives that support Paradies Lagardère's growth strategies, with dual focus in both the field and corporate areas of the business.



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## AVIATION NEWS

### Oakland To Become TSA Test Site for New Technology

The TSA selected Oakland International Airport (OAK) as an official Innovation Task Force Site. The distinction will allow OAK to test new technologies to benefit its growing passenger base. The trial program will begin in OAK's Terminal 2 in partnership with Southwest Airlines, and is expected to begin in the next six months.



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### New Technology to Continue to Transform the Way We Travel

Aviation is the future of travel. By no other means can you travel as far, as fast. And it is ripe for change and technological disruption, writes Nick Magliocchetti. Indeed, the aviation industry we see today may well be unrecognizable a decade from now. So what technologies can we expect to see, in the near future, that will change the way we fly?



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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### U.S. Tax Reform: A Golden Ticket for Partnerships and S Corporations?

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act"). While the Act will impact many taxpayers, some of the more significant changes relate to how individuals and

other non-corporate taxpayers are taxed on income from certain types of businesses and investments.

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