

## A Significant Milestone for Small Business

*NSBA prepares to celebrate 70th anniversary of small-business movement*

By Rob Yunich

Director of Communications

Seventy years ago, the Great Depression consumed the nation; a stamp cost three cents and there were no zip codes; “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” became the first full-length animated movie to hit theatres; the 75th Congress began without Hawaii and Alaska—who would not achieve statehood for another 22 years; there was no Super Bowl or National Basketball Association; most companies were small; and “mom and pop” stores were the norm, not the exception.

In some ways, things have not changed since 1937. Small businesses still are the backbone of the American economy, comprising 99.7 percent of all employer firms, employing half of all private sector employees, and creating 65 percent of the net new jobs.

In other ways, things are very different. The American economic climate is extremely complex, the 110th Congress is underway, stamps cost 39 cents, zip codes now include a plus-four element, and Alaska and Hawaii have been in existence for nearly 50 years.

But one thing has remained steady since 1937—the National Small Business Association. NSBA is celebrating the 70th anniversary of the organization and the small-business movement during a gala celebration on May 9 at the National Museum of Women in the Arts in



NSBA FILE PHOTO

DeWitt Emery founded NSBA on Nov. 13, 1937 after being convinced that the White House was unfairly targeting small-business owners.

Washington, D.C. The special event will feature a chance to honor those who have made a difference to the small-business movement, several of NSBA's past leaders, as well as a special performance by the renowned Capitol Steps comedy troupe.

The gala is part of NSBA's annual Washington Presentation, to be held May 9-10 at the Wydham Washington. It includes an opportunity to learn the latest about small-business issues directly from the source, the chance to meet with your congressional representative, the honoring of the Small Business Advocate of the Year, and much more.

Registration for the event will begin in late February on NSBA's Web site, [nsba.biz](http://nsba.biz).

### HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

NSBA can trace its beginnings to the actions of one man, DeWitt M. Emery—owner of the Monroe Letterhead Corporation in Akron, Ohio. His company was struggling amid the Great Depression and Emery was running out of answers. The Monroe Letterhead Corporation, founded in 1911, dealt with the task of paying Social Security, unemployment insurance, increased county and state taxes, higher material costs, and

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increased wages—the same plight faced by small-business owners today.

Emery, convinced the White House was unfairly targeting small-business owners, wanted to do something to correct this injustice.

“How can one man fight a situation like this?” he reportedly shouted as he stood in his empty office.

“No... of course not... not one man, not 10... but thousands just like me... grouped together, with common interests and a common purpose... sure, we’re all small, how does that saying go? ‘Many small make a great.’”

“Other groups organize into associations, why not an association of small-business men from all over the nation! We’ll have our own House of Representatives, right in Washington,” he added.

And thus the small-business movement had begun. On Nov. 13, 1937, Emery founded the National Small Business Men’s Association. He crafted a mission statement and began to recruit members. Emery sent a letter to as many small-business owners as he could find, asking them to join the newly-formed association. Of the 200 owners that received the letter, 160 of them joined the nascent group.

By 1962, the group had changed its name to the National Small Business Association—acknowledging the strong presence of female business owners. While the name is the same one the organization uses today, there were more name changes ahead.

In 1981, Small Business United (SBU) started with a similar mission statement as NSBA. Although SBU technically was a competitor at the time, that group helped lay the foundation for NSBA’s current network of affiliates.

The original SBU member groups included the Smaller Business Association of New England (SBANE), SMC Business Councils of Pittsburgh, and the Council of



NSBA FILE PHOTOS

*ABOVE:* During NSBA’s 60th anniversary gala, then-Vice President Al Gore (left) spoke to the crowd—while the Capitol Steps comedy troupe entertained them later in the evening.

*BELOW:* The 70th anniversary gala will give NSBA an opportunity to remember Lew Shattuck (left), a major influence throughout the small-business movement, and some of the organization’s former chairs, such as Sharon Miller.



Smaller Enterprises in Cleveland.

In 1986, SBU and NSBA merged to become National Small Business United. The organization kept that name until 2003, when it reverted to the NSBA moniker. As the association grew, so did the list of affiliate groups. Later additions include the Arizona Small Business Association, Small Business California, the Missouri Merchants and Manufacturers Association, and the Small Business Association of Michigan.

SBANE originally created the Washington Presentation (then known as the Washington Group) in the 1960s. After the SBU-NSBA merger, NSBA became responsible for running the Washington Presentation—now its signature event.

“It’s very fitting that NSBA’s 70th anniversary will be celebrated at an event that is so important to the group’s history,” NSBA President Todd McCracken said. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to honor our distinguished past and stay true to our grassroots nature.”

Emery died in 1955 and most likely would be blown away by the progress achieved by the group he founded. For example, the organization currently reaches more than 150,000 small-business owners—a number well beyond the group of 160 members Emery recruited.

Although much has transpired since Emery’s death, NSBA’s original roots remain. And that alone gives the organization reason to rejoice. ★

# Chair's Message

## Beginning NSBA's Exciting 70th Year

By Grafton H. "Cap" Willey, IV

NSBA Chair

The elections in November marked a sea-change in American politics. A change in leadership in both houses of Congress, coupled with a Republican president and a very close Senate, will lead to an expectation of much gridlock.

However, we do expect a change to the legislative agenda and the issues that are brought forward for discussion. NSBA must respond to these changing dynamics.

NSBA always has prided itself in a bipartisan and reasonable approach to its lobbying efforts. We have always engaged with both sides of the aisle and we may be in the unique position during the new Congress to have our voices heard.

We need to be prepared to protect the interests of the small-business sector and put forward recommendations for the problems we are facing in today's global economy. Small business still is the driving force of the American economy—providing most of the new jobs that are created and being the source of most of the innovation that makes the American economy the envy of the world.

NSBA currently is preparing to meet as a grassroots organization to discuss the issues facing small business as well as formulating and prioritizing our advocacy agenda for the upcoming Congress. This discussion will occur during our biennial Small Business Congress, which will be held Feb. 15-17 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The issues raised at this event are monitored by our advocacy committees, which meet via teleconference on a regular basis. (See page 7 for information on joining a committee.)

Small Business Congress is your opportunity to directly impact the message that NSBA carries to Capital Hill. (Registration is available at [nsba.biz](http://nsba.biz).)

Steven Preston, the new SBA



NSBA FILE PHOTO

administrator who has been described as "a breath of fresh air," will be the keynote speaker for the event. Primary issue areas that we will cover include health and human resources, tax policy, environmental and regulatory affairs, and economic development.

In May, we will meet in the nation's capital for our annual Washington Presentation. During the event, we will carry the issues and recommendations authored at the Small Business Congress directly to our elected officials. I ask you to mark your calendar for May 9-10 and attend this event.

This year, it is especially-important because NSBA will be celebrating its 70th anniversary as the oldest (and best) small-business advocacy organization in the nation. There will be a gala event on May 9 that you will not want to miss. (More information is available in the cover story of this issue.)

Finally, I would like to discuss NSBA's new initiative to protect small businesses from what we fear could be an unfair attack by the Internal Revenue Service.

Last year, at an NSBA board meeting in Washington, a representative from the IRS reported to us that they had determined there was a significant "tax gap" between what was owed in taxes and what was being paid in taxes.

The IRS determined that this so-called "tax gap" exceeded \$350 mil-

lion and that 75 percent of the "tax gap" came from the small-business sector. We were universally offended by these assertions and very concerned that this could lead to abuses, accusations of which were discussed at congressional hearings in 1996.

The IRS has repeated these assertions over the past few months and has increased its enforcement actions through their small business and self-employed division. We firmly believe that the IRS has misinterpreted its data and has reached an erroneous conclusion about where the "tax gap" lies. We do not condone the non-payment of tax obligations—most small businesses are honest, hard working organizations that are critical to the economic success of the American economy.

Our *Tax Equity Report* of a few years ago proved that small business pays more than its share of federal taxes. We believe that the IRS information is incorrect and its conclusions are faulty. Small business is an easy target since many small-business owners cannot afford to employ teams of accountants and lawyers to fight their cases—a luxury enjoyed by big business.

Paul Hense, our immediate past chair, will be leading a special committee that will monitor IRS actions regarding the "tax gap," will gather information on abuses if they become evident, and will notify Congress and the administration if the IRS has overstepped its authority. We do not want to return to the problems we had in late 1990s.

As NSBA members, please alert us about problems that you or your friends might encounter.

Our 70th year should be an exciting and interesting one. I look forward to serving as your chair. Please let us know of your concerns and I ask you to participate whenever and wherever you can. It will take all of our efforts to succeed. ★

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# 2007 NSBA Officers



## **GRAFTON "CAP" WILLEY, IV**

*CHAIR*

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

**Title/Company:** Shareholder, Tofias PC (Founded 1973)

**Company Description:** Regional certified public accounting and business consulting firm

**Company Web site:** *tofias.com*

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

- \* First Vice Chair
- \* Treasurer
- \* Chair of Tax Committee
- \* Chair of Washington Presentation committee



## **MARILYN D. LANDIS**

*FIRST VICE CHAIR*

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

**Title/Company:** President, Basic Business Concepts, Inc. (Founded 2001)

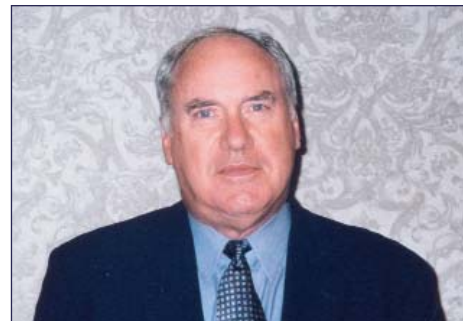
**Company Description:** Provides CFO-level services to small, rapidly-growing companies, plus business brokerage services, on an outsource basis

**Company Web site:**

*basicbusiness.biz*

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

- \* Treasurer
- \* Vice Chair of Advocacy



## **PAUL A. HENSE**

*IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR*

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

**Title/Company:** President, Hense and Associates (Founded 1972)

**Company Description:** Certified public accounting firm specializing in small business

**Company Web site:**

*hensecpa.com*

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

- \* Chair, 2006
- \* First Vice Chair
- \* Vice Chair of Advocacy
- \* Treasurer
- \* Vice Chair of Communications



## **KEITH ASHMUS**

*TREASURER*

CLEVELAND, OHIO

**Title/Company:** Partner, Franz Ward LLP (Founded 2000)

**Company Description:** Entrepreneurial law firm

**Company Web site:**

*frantzward.com*

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

- \* Vice Chair of Advocacy
- \* Chair of Health and Human Services committee
- \* Chair of Corporate Sponsorship committee



## **SCOTT HAUGE**

*VICE CHAIR OF ADVOCACY*

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

**Title/Company:** President, CAL Insurance and Associates (Founded 1927)

**Company Description:** Insurance agent and broker

**Company Web site:**

*cal-insure.com*

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

- \* Secretary
- \* Vice Chair of Membership
- \* Vice Chair of Communications



## **LOIS W. RISKE**

*SECRETARY*

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

**Title/Company:** President, General Cleaning Inc. (Founded 1934)

**Company Description:** Contract commercial cleaning company

**Company Web site:** None

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

- \* Chair of Small Business Congress committee
- \* Vice Chair of Membership
- \* Chair of Washington Presentation committee

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# Join An NSBA Issue Committee

**D**o you want to have a say in the direction of NSBA's stance on issues affecting small-business owners? If so, NSBA urges you to join an issue committee.

Here are the options and a brief description of each group:

**Taxation:** The committee has spent much time on proposed changes to the U.S. tax system. A wide variety of other issues are covered, including tax simplification and reform, pension reform, and accounting matters.

The committee worked hard in 2004 to have legislation introduced in both the House and Senate to implement recommendations found in NSBA's *Tax Equity Report*.

**Economic Development:** The committee works to research and propose policy statements on issues



related to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small-business procurement and contracting, access to capital, bankruptcy, international trade and other pertinent issues that affect the economic growth and well-being of small businesses.

**Environmental and Regulatory Affairs:** The committee addresses issues affecting small businesses in the realm of product liability, tort reform, regulatory and paperwork reduction and environmental regulation and legislation. The committee

also worked during the 109th Congress on drafting NSBA's landmark energy policy.

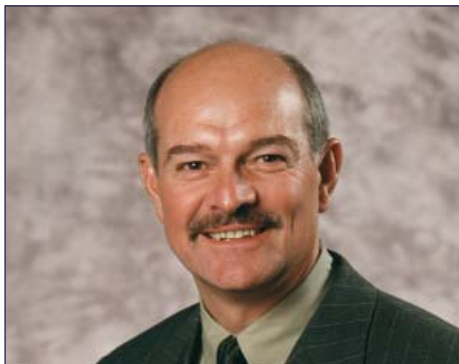
**Health and Human Resources:** The committee discusses current and proposed legislation pertaining to health care, Social Security, various pension issues, overtime pay, minimum wage and a variety of other employee benefits.

Additionally, this committee works towards creation of whitepapers and overall policy statements to promote sound legislation in the interest of small business.

To join one of the committees, please call the NSBA government affairs staff at 202-293-8830.

More information about the organization's priority issues is available at [nsba.biz/issues](http://nsba.biz/issues). ★

## 2007 NSBA Officers, continued



### **CHRIS HOLMAN**

*VICE CHAIR OF  
COMMUNICATIONS  
MASON, MICHIGAN*

**Title/Company:** Publisher, *The Greater Lansing Business Monthly* (Founded 1987)

**Company Description:** Local business magazine

**Company Web site:**  
[lansingbusinessmonthly.com](http://lansingbusinessmonthly.com)

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

✳ Board of Trustees member



### **PHYLLIS SHEARER JONES**

*VICE CHAIR OF MEMBERSHIP  
SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND*

**Title/Company:** President and CEO, Elan International (Founded 1997)

**Company Description:** International business development, training, evening planning, and government consulting firm

**Company Web site:**  
[elan-int.com](http://elan-int.com)

**Previous NSBA Positions:**

✳ Secretary

✳ Member of 2005 Small Business Congress committee

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8. Read about NSBA's storied history.
9. Take advantage of the many resources on the Web site.
10. Join NSBA, if you have not already.

# Grafton H. 'Cap' Willey, IV Elected 2007 NSBA Chair

By Rob Yulich

Director of Communications

Grafton H. "Cap" Willey, IV epitomizes NSBA's grassroots nature. He worked hard to start his own business and became a very successful entrepreneur. Simultaneously, he became a very active small-business advocate, first in his native Rhode Island and then nationally.

Willey, a certified public accountant (CPA), was elected NSBA chair during the organization's annual membership meeting, held Nov. 3, 2006 in Hilton Head, S.C.

"Small business is really big business for the U.S. economy—representing more than 50 percent of the country's gross domestic product and almost all of the new jobs created," Willey said. "Small business has done this in spite of huge disadvantages. We need to protect and encourage the growth of our economic engine. Bringing the success of the U.S. small-business sector into the global economy is our next big challenge. I am confident that our small businesses will meet this challenge with the same success they have met prior challenges."

Willey's career started off with a self-admitted failure.

"I failed at my goal of being a partner in a CPA [firm] by the time I was 30; but I achieved it at age 31, starting my own firm with two other partners," he said.

That new firm, Rooney, Plotkin and Willey (RPW), became larger than his old firm over the next eight years.

Willey became managing partner of RPW in 1998 and remained in that position until 2004, when they merged with Tofias PC—forming one of the largest CPA firms in New England. Tofias has since doubled the size of its Rhode Island practice. Willey's current official title is shareholder and a member of the board of

directors for Tofias.

The three RPW founders also jointly purchased Dyer Island, a 28-acre island in Narragansett Bay, R.I.

Willey subsequently created the Dyer Straits Yacht Club, which he dubbed "the club of last resorts."

## DEDICATED ADVOCATE

Being a CPA is only a portion of Willey's professional life.

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of my career is that I have had the opportunity for more than 30 years to work with and help small-business entrepreneurs build successful small businesses and achieve the financial successes that they deserve," he said.

It does not take much investigation to uncover how Willey arrived at that conclusion. Willey first took notice of NSBA after joining the Smaller Business Association of New England (SBANE)—an NSBA affiliate—in 1981. He appropriately joined SBANE's tax committee and also attended local meetings.

At that time, SBANE organized the Washington Presentation (now one of NSBA's signature events) along with other small-business groups, most of whom are now NSBA affiliates. The groups jointly planned the 1980 White House Conference on Small Business, which Willey attended. He later attended his first Washington Presentation in 1983—at the urging of then-SBANE Executive Director

Lew Shattuck and then-SBANE Tax Chair Bob Haddad. He has not missed one since.

Willey became SBANE tax chair in 1985 and organized the New England and New York delegations for the 1986 White House Conference of Small Business—after being appointed by Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.). That same year, Willey also was elected to the SBANE board and to the NSBA board a few years later.

During his time on the NSBA board, he has served as first vice chair, treasurer, as well as chair of the tax and Washington

Presentation committees.

"During my term as chair, I hope to expand NSBA's grassroots support, to keep the small-business activists involved in the organization and get new people involved," Willey said. "I also want to make sure that we are heard on Capitol Hill and try to have some fun as we move forward."

Willey also is active in the Rhode Island Society of CPAs, three local Chambers of Commerce, the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council, and local activities of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Willey holds a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from Syracuse University. He and his wife, Lois, have two children—Richard and Rhonda—and two grandchildren, Alexa and Kailey.

Willey has spent nearly his entire life in the Ocean State. He was born in Cranston, grew up in Barrington, and now lives in Portsmouth and works in the state capital of Providence. ★

## *DID YOU KNOW?*

The National Small Business Association, founded in 1937, is the nation's oldest small-business advocacy organization.

# Year-End Report

## Carrying the Flag of NSBA, Small-Business Owners

By Paul Hense

NSBA Immediate Past Chair

Two events have coincided that reinforce a concept I have not always followed during my life. Finishing the book “Flags of Our Fathers,” at the same time as I completed my term as NSBA chair, has caused me to reflect on the value of trust and teamwork. Being a team player has not always been one of my strongest traits. Like a lot of self-employed people, my career choice suited my compatibility skills.

“Flags of Our Fathers” is a book by the son of one of the men who raised the American flag on Mount Suribachi on the island of Iwo Jima at the end of World War II. The book focuses on his father and the other five men who were featured in one of the most famous photographs ever taken.

The Battle for Iwo Jima was one of the bloodiest during WWII. I was fascinated by a concept used by the Marines in their training—interdependent action on the battlefield. Our foe today may not be the Japanese—and death may not be the risk—but trust and recognizing our comrades’ value may well be our salvation in the business world.

The men who raised the flag that day became instant world heroes. They were humbled by the fact that they were lauded for their bravery when so many unknown soldiers, many of them casualties, remained unknown. We owe a debt to the famous and the unknown people who have sacrificed time or their lives for us.

Organizations, like armies, are created for a purpose. Both have a lot of people whose faces you would not recognize and whose names are unknown to you.

NSBA has a board of directors comprised of extraordinary people. All of them contribute because they



PHOTO BY MICHAEL BUCK

love the cause, not for the recognition they might receive. Some will execute their terms on the board with exceptional results in areas that do not lend themselves to recognition. The organization, however, would not possess excellence without them.

It is the board’s job to hire talented and dedicated staff to carry out the goals of the organization. NSBA has been successful in that role. But, again, the staff makes things work without fanfare or recognition.

In February and May of this year, you have an opportunity

through NSBA to take your message to policymakers.

During the Small Business Congress, to be held Feb. 15-17 in Scottsdale, Ariz., you will have the chance to meet with small-business owners and help NSBA set its direction for the next two years. At the Washington Presentation, to be held May 9-10 in the nation’s capital, you will have a chance to meet your senator and representative face-to-face as well as celebrate the 70th anniversary of the small-business movement.

If you are motivated to make a difference and attend these events, you will be amazed at the opportunity provided to you as well as the chance to hear from and speak to the people who could help us make a better small-business climate. It all will run so smoothly that it will look easy. But it wasn’t.

I would like to express my thanks to the board members and the staff of NSBA for all that they do to further the cause for a healthy and vibrant small-business environment. I want to offer a special thanks to those who labor in anonymity. We don’t always recognize your contribution to the success of our events, but we know by the excellence of the programs that you are there. ★

Are you interested in small business technology, SBIR, or STTR? Then the Small Business Technology Council is a valuable resource especially for you. Learn more about the organization, read SBTC testimony, and become a member.

You also can learn more about the organization’s upcoming SBIR event, to be held March 5. For more information about that event, call Jere Glover, 202-785-4300, or e-mail [jglover@tibbettsawards.org](mailto:jglover@tibbettsawards.org).

SBTC information always is available at

**[sbtc.org](http://sbtc.org)**

# NSBA At Work

*Highlights of NSBA staff activities from the recent past*

Every day, NSBA members and staff work to ensure that small-business owners are represented on Capitol Hill through meetings and events. Recently-attended events include:

**Nov. 21, 2006**

*Small Business IRS Forum*

NSBA staff attended a meeting with the Internal Revenue Service to gain the latest information pertaining to small businesses.

**Dec. 6**

*Coalition Meeting*

NSBA staff attended the inaugural meeting of the Coalition for Fairness in Tax Compliance (CFTC). The coalition will work to distinguish between regular revenue-raisers and "tax gap" proposals.

**Dec. 14**

*SBA Administrator Holiday Party*

NSBA attended a reception hosted by Steven C. Preston, the administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

**Jan. 3, 2007**

*Farewell Reception*

NSBA hosted a farewell reception for the outgoing chair of the House Small Business Committee, Rep. Donald Manzullo (R-Ill).

**Jan. 4**

*Small Business Reception*

NSBA attended a reception to congratulate the new chair of the House Small Business Committee, Rep. Nydia Velázquez (D-N.Y.).



NSBA FILE PHOTOS

NSBA staff attended receptions honoring SBA Administrator Steven Preston (left) and Rep. Donald Manzullo (R-Ill.), outgoing chair of the House Small Business Committee.

**Jan. 8**

*Coalition Meeting*

NSBA staff attended a meeting of the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition to discuss death tax legislation in the 110th Congress and the coalition's upcoming activities.

**Jan. 9**

*Coalition Meeting*

NSBA staff attended a meeting for the Government Withholding Relief Coalition to discuss their strategy for the 110th Congress.

**Jan. 9**

*House Staff Meetings*

NSBA staff attended meetings with key House staffers to educate and garner interest for the reintroduction of the *Equity for Our Nation's Self-Employed Act*.

**Jan. 10**

*Tax Hearing*

The Senate Finance Committee held a hearing to examine tax incentives for businesses in response to the recent minimum wage increase.

**Jan. 10**

*Senate Staff Meeting*

NSBA staff attended a meeting with the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship staff to discuss tax issues.

**Jan. 11**

*Senate Staff Meeting*

NSBA staff met with Democratic and Republican staff of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship to discuss ways to collaborate on upcoming small business energy and environmental initiatives.

**Jan. 11**

*House Planning Meeting*

NSBA staff met with the incoming ranking member of the House Small Business Committee, Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Ohio), to discuss upcoming hearings and NSBA's agenda for the 110th Congress.

**Jan. 16**

*Health Care Meeting*

NSBA President Todd McCracken attended the inaugural meeting of the Small Business Health Care Council to discuss health care reform proposals and strategy for the 110th Congress. ★

## SAVE THE DATE

**70th anniversary gala and  
Washington Presentation  
May 9-10, 2007  
Wyndham Washington**

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# NSBA Calendar

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	LOCATION	REGISTRATION INFO
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March 5	Small Business Technology Council	Second SBIR Conference	Washington, D.C.	For more information, call Jere Glover, 202-785-4300 or e-mail <a href="mailto:jglover@tibbetsawards.org">jglover@tibbetsawards.org</a> .
May 9-10	National Small Business Association	70th Anniversary Gala/2007 Washington Presentation	Wyndham Washington/ National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.	For more information, call Rosa Wright, 202-293-8830 or e-mail <a href="mailto:rwright@nsba.biz">rwright@nsba.biz</a> .
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