



## IEEE International Conference to Feature US Business Leadership Network

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WASHINGTON, DC (April 8, 2009) – The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) today announced that **John D. Kemp**, Executive Director & General Counsel, will be a featured keynote speaker during the IEEE International Conference. Organized in partnership with IBM, “**Accessing the Future: A Global Collaborative Exploration for Accessibility in the Next Decade,**” will take place on July 20-21 at the Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. It will bring together leaders from government, academia, industry and advocacy groups to define key accessibility standards and future technology roadmaps to build a smarter, more accessible world.

“The USBLN is extremely supportive of identifying the next generation of accessibility challenges and the impact of technology 5 to 10 years in the future,” USBLN® Executive Director & General Counsel John D. Kemp said about the IEEE International Conference. “Both the IEEE and IBM have been leaders in the technology revolution that have led to the pervasive use of technologies such as 3-D Web, online collaboration, shared medical records, and advanced systems for transportation and communication. As we strive toward creating a more inclusive society for all people, we will be looking to IEEE and IBM.”

To learn more, visit <http://ewh.ieee.org/conf/accessingthefuture/>.

A non-profit organization, IEEE is the world's leading professional association for the advancement of technology. The IEEE name was originally an acronym for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. Today, the organization's scope of interest has expanded into so many related fields, that it is simply referred to by the letters I-E-E-E (pronounced Eye-triple-E).

The USBLN® is the only national business organization currently representing 55 BLN Affiliates in 32 states – including the District of Columbia – and more than 5000 employers using a “business to business” strategy to promote the business imperative of including people with disabilities in the workforce, marketplace and supplier programs.

For additional information about the USBLN® and the IEEE International Conference, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by email at [info@usbln.org](mailto:info@usbln.org).

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