



## USBLN® 2010 Annual Conference & Expo: Spotlight on Superior Programming “Diversity in the Workplace” and “From Baghdad to Beijing”

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WASHINGTON, DC (July 22, 2010) - The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) is pleased to spotlight its superior conference educational programming on a weekly basis leading up to its 13th Annual Conference & Expo being held on September 19-22, 2010 at the Westin Michigan Avenue Hotel located in Chicago, Illinois.

To view the full agenda with sessions and speakers confirmed to date, please visit:

<http://www.usblnannualconference.org/agenda.html>.

Sessions in the spotlight include:

### **Trust, Commit, and Care - Diversity in the Workplace**

*Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7:45 am*

Keynote: **Stephen J. Szilagyi**, Senior Vice President, Distribution, Lowe's Companies, Inc.

Inspired by Walgreen's, Lowe's Distribution has embarked on a journey to seek out and hire people with disabilities in their network of distribution centers across the country - with tremendous success. Imagine a team that values individuals and focuses on ability.

### **From Baghdad to Beijing**

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 7:45 am*

Keynote: **Melissa Stockwell**, Iraqi War Veteran, Above the Knee Amputee, Paralympian, Triathlete, Prosthetist

Over the past few years Melissa has done the occasional motivational speech for various organizations and schools. It is something that she thoroughly enjoys doing and is looking to get into it a little more, especially in the Chicago area where she makes her home. She tells her story, “From Baghdad to Beijing” and shares her experience of overcoming obstacles, perseverance and living life to its fullest. She fully believes that anyone can do anything they put their mind to. She hopes her audience walks away with a greater appreciation of life and an ‘I can do anything’ attitude. Melissa was recently featured in *USO Magazine* in an article she wrote entitled, “Soldier to Athlete.” Click here to read the full article: [http://www.usbln.org//pdf-docs/Soldier\\_to\\_Athlete\\_Melissa\\_Stockwell.pdf](http://www.usbln.org//pdf-docs/Soldier_to_Athlete_Melissa_Stockwell.pdf)

The USBLN® 2010 programming is a robust agenda focused on aligning disability with the bottom line through talent, market share and supplier diversity. This year’s conference includes an outstanding mix of panel discussions, cutting-edge forums and thought-leaders guaranteeing that our educational content is lively and immensely practical.

Attendees are invited to register today for “**Aligning Disability with the Bottom Line: Talent, Market Share, and Supplier Diversity**” for exceptional educational content with dynamic speakers in their four-day conference featuring more than 40 educational seminars and 20 exhibits. To register, please visit [www.usblnannualconference.org](http://www.usblnannualconference.org) or for more information, please contact Anita Howard by email at [anita@usbln.org](mailto:anita@usbln.org). Interested parties are encouraged to check the agenda frequently for the latest updates and note that speaker availability and programming are subject to change without notice.

**About the US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®)**

The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) is the national disability organization that serves as the collective voice of over 60 Business Leadership Network affiliates across North America, representing over 5,000 employers. The USBLN® promotes the business imperative of the preparation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace, marketplace, and supply chain while supporting the development and expansion of its BLN affiliates. The USBLN® recognizes and supports best practices in hiring and advancing employees with disabilities, marketing to consumers with disabilities, and encourages contracting with vendors with disabilities through the development and certification of disability-owned businesses. [www.usbln.org](http://www.usbln.org)

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