



## USBLN® 2010 Annual Conference & Expo: Spotlight on Superior Programming “Federal Rules and Resources” and “Workplace Realities”

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WASHINGTON, DC (July 28, 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:

### **Federal Rules and Resources: A Two-way Listening Session**

*Monday, September 20, 2010 at 10:45 am*

Keynotes – Listening Panel:

- **The Honorable Kathleen Martinez**, Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Lynnae M. Rutledge**, Commissioner, Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education
- **Claudia Gordon**, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Dan O'Brien**, Acting Associate Commissioner, Social Security Administration
- **Nicholas Lammers**, Regional Director, Office of State Systems, Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor
- Moderated by **Kevin Bradley**, Director Diversity, Global Inclusion and Intercultural Management, McDonald's Corporation, USBLN® Board member

This plenary session provides a forum for private and public sector employers to gain pertinent information on proposed new federal disability employment requirements plus resources to assist employers meet them. Following brief presentations, the audience microphones will be turned on so you can provide comments and dialogue with senior federal agency leaders on the panel.

### **Workplace Realities: 3 Scenarios We Can All Identify With**

*Monday, September 20, 2010 at 3:30 pm*

Keynote: **Margaret Regan**, President and CEO, The FutureWork Institute

This interactive session will feature three scenarios typical of workplace situations for a person with a disability: the interview, inclusion (or lack thereof) in the work environment, and whether/how to disclose a hidden disability. The Future Works Institute, well known for their leading edge work as diversity thought leaders and consultants, will

bring their talented actors to play out these situations, and the audience will be able to probe options and best practices by experiencing this safe and fun approach.

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.

Conference attendees are kindly requested to book their hotel rooms today. The conference site hotel is the Westin Michigan Avenue offering online reservations [here](#) or via 888-627-8385 under the group, “US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®).” Rooms for the group will start at \$199 for single occupancy. The group room rate is valid from check-in on September 17 through check-out on September 22, 2010 based on availability. The discounted group rate is available through August 29, 2010 with rooms expected to sell out early.

#### **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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