



Greater Birmingham Black Chamber of Commerce

"Empowering the community through entrepreneurship and leadership"

## June 2012 Edition

The Greater Birmingham Black Business Chamber of Commerce meets Quarterly.

The June Executive Board meeting was June 5, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

The Next General Body meeting is July 10, 2012 at 5:30.

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Welcome to the Greater Birmingham Black Business Chamber of Commerce. The GBBCC is a non-profit entity founded to economically empower and sustain African American Communities in Greater Birmingham through entrepreneurship, positive economic development, and via interaction with the Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce and the Black Diaspora.

## Black business owners must be willing to work together, "Apprentice" winner says

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama -- Entrepreneurs must be willing to forge partnerships and joint ventures in order to thrive in today's business marketplace, said **Randal Pinkett**, who in 2005 became the first black to win "[The Apprentice](#)," Donald Trump's NBC reality show. The economic downturn forced companies to realize the value of teaming up to cut costs and remain competitive, something Pinkett said many black business owners have not embraced. "Now more than ever, size matters," Pinkett said during a keynote address at The Club during the **Birmingham Business Alliance's** 26th annual African American Business Council Luncheon today. [More ...](#)

## By The Numbers: Birmingham's Largest Companies

An integral part of the Chamber's mission is actively seek out opportunities for its members. In its effort to find opportunities, we must first know where the opportunities exist. In each newsletter, we will highlight differing segments of the economy to show our members where they may consider pursuing business.

In the June edition, we are highlighting the largest companies in the metropolitan Birmingham area. Listed are the largest companies listed by three different criteria. The first graph shows the ten largest privately-held companies in the metropolitan Birmingham area. The companies are ranked by revenue according to the 2011 edition of the Birmingham Business Journal's Book of Lists.

## NBCC Convention

Register for the [National Black Chamber of Commerce's](http://www.nbccconvention.org) 20th Annual Convention at [www.nbccconvention.org](http://www.nbccconvention.org). The convention schedule for the Four Seasons Hotel, Atlanta GA, July 19-21, will feature a special emphasis on the construction industry opportunities. Additionally, her Excellency Madame Seretse, Ambassador for Botswana, will host an afternoon event on "[How to do Business in Botswana](#)" on July 19.

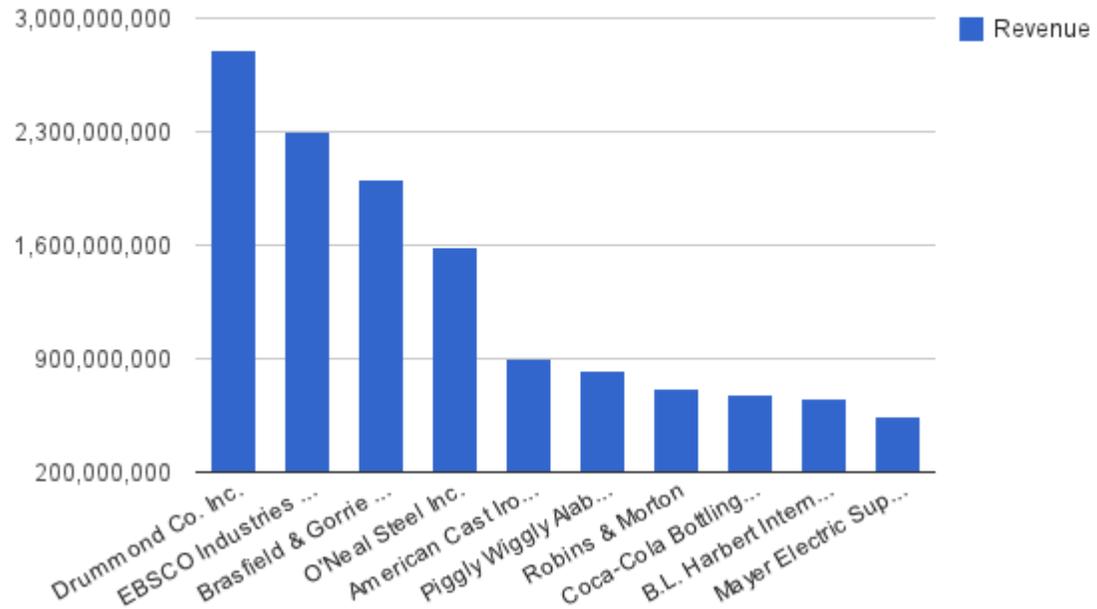
## BID OPPORTUNITIES:

[State of Alabama open invitations to bid](#)

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The second graph shows the ten largest publicly traded companies in the metropolitan Birmingham area. These companies are ranked by market capitalization (the total value of tradable shares). Revenue and income for the year 2009 is also listed according to the 2011 edition of the Birmingham Business Journal's Book of Lists.

