



**National Small Business Week 2008**  
**April 21-25, 2008 • Mandarin Oriental Hotel • Washington, DC**  
**Tentative Schedule of Events**

\*Note to Press: Schedule is current as of March 13, 2008.  
 Seating is limited at all events and the events schedule is subject to change\*

Official National Small Business Week events will take place in Washington, D.C., from Monday, April 21 – Wednesday, April 23. Additional events will take place on Thursday, April 24 – Friday, April 25. These events are optional and may require separate registration and attendance fees.

**Monday, April 21**

- 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm      **Registration Open**  
 Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Pre-Function Area
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm      **Opening Reception and Presentation of the Entrepreneurial Development Awards**  
 U.S Department of State, Diplomatic Reception Rooms  
*This event will serve as a networking reception in one of the more extraordinary venues in Washington, DC. SBA's resource partners will be honored at this event for their unrelenting dedication to entrepreneurial development nationwide.*
- Due to the space capacity, attendance may be limited.*

**Tuesday, April 22**

- 7:00 am – 5:00 pm      **Registration Open**  
 Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Pre-Function Area
- 10:30 am – 12:00 pm      **Healthcare Forum: "Cost and Coverage: Healthcare Chicken and Egg"**  
 Mandarin Oriental, Oriental Ballroom  
**Sponsored by: NFIB- National Federation of Independent Business**
- 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm      **National Awards Luncheon Honoring State Small Business Winners**  
 Mandarin Oriental, Grand Ballroom  
*This event celebrates entrepreneurship in America by honoring outstanding small business men and women from all 50 states and territories. From that group, a national small business person of the year is selected.*  
**Sponsored by: Sam's Club**
- 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm      **Technology Forum: "Going Global: Accessing New Growth Markets"**  
 Mandarin Oriental, Oriental Ballroom  
**Sponsored by: IBM & Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation**

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm      **Congressional Reception**  
Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-G50  
*Due to the space capacity, attendance may be limited.*

**Wednesday, April 23**

7:00 am – 5:00 pm      **Registration Open**  
Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Pre-Function Area

8:00 am – 10:00 am      **Phoenix Awards Breakfast**  
Mandarin Oriental, Grand Ballroom  
*The Phoenix Awards are given to those individuals whose efforts and contributions have enabled their businesses or communities to recover successfully from a disaster.*

10:30 am – 12:00 pm      **Energy Forum: "Meeting the Energy Challenge: Impacts & Opportunities for Small Business"**  
Mandarin Oriental, Oriental Ballroom  
*Sponsored by: CEA- Consumer Energy Alliance*

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm      **National Awards Luncheon Honoring Procurement Award Winners**  
Mandarin Oriental, Grand Ballroom  
*This event honors achievement in several areas of procurement. There are more than 30 awards presented for achievements by prime and sub contractors, to government and industry for their use of women-owned businesses for sub and prime contractors and to federal personnel that carry out the goals and initiatives to ensure a role for small businesses in the federal marketplace.*

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm      **Procurement Forum: "Secrets of Building Alliance Partnerships with Prime Contractors"**  
Mandarin Oriental, Oriental Ballroom  
*Sponsored by: Raytheon*

7:30 pm – 11:00 pm      **Champion Award Winners Gala**  
Mandarin Oriental, Grand Ballroom  
*Sponsored by: Administaff*  
  
*This event serves as the culminating award event to honor all the award winners of the week. During the dinner we will honor the National Small Business Person(s) of the Year as well as the individuals and organizations dedicated to the support of the small business community.*

[Additional Small Business Week Activities](#)

**Thursday, April 24**

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**OSDBU Procurement Matchmaking Event**

Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

For information, please visit [www.fbcinc.com/osdbu](http://www.fbcinc.com/osdbu)

SBA Administrator Steven C. Preston will be a guest speaker at this event.

3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

**Reception Celebrating Women Entrepreneurs**

**Hosted by the National Women's Business Council**

NASDAQ MarketSite, New York City

*A reception to celebrate the 20 year anniversary of the legislation establishing the Women's Business Centers.*

**Friday, April 25**

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Financial Forum: "Achieving Returns on Community Investment" and Lender Awards Luncheon**

The Westin New York at Times Square, New York City

Majestic Ballroom, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

***Sponsored by: ICIC- Initiative for Competitive Inner City***

*This event is designed to serve as dialogue between the SBA and those in interested in community investment, followed by a luncheon to celebrate SBA's top Small Business Lenders.*

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