



US Business Leadership Network Announces Keynote Speakers for its 2009 Annual Conference

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WASHINGTON, DC (September 2, 2009) – The US Business Leadership Network (USBLN®) announced the dynamic line-up of keynote speakers for its 2009 Annual Conference, "**Connecting the Dots: Business Solutions**" being held on September 15-18th at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center.

The 2009 Annual Conference will offer ten (10) informative and inspirational general plenary sessions, including the following keynote speakers (*line-up subject to change without notice*):

- **Randy Lewis**, Senior Vice-President of Distribution & Logistics for Walgreens Company
- **Roy Flora**, Group President, Wyndham Hotel Group - Microtel Inns and Suites - Baymont Inn and Suites
- **Dr. John E. Kelly, III**, IBM Senior Vice-President and Director of Research
- **Robert David Hall**, actor and series regular on CBS' "C.S.I."
- **Deb Dagit**, Vice President and Chief Diversity Officer, Merck & Co.
- **Kareem Dale**, Special Assistant to President Barack Obama
- **Kathy Martinez**, U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy's (ODEP) Assistant Secretary
- **Neil Romano**, President of CORA and ODEP's former Assistant Secretary

Additionally, **Ann Hirsh** with the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) will moderate what promises to be an insightful and dynamic plenary breakfast session regarding emerging issues surrounding the employment of Veterans with disabilities after returning from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. **Mike Reardon**, who leads the America's Heroes at Work (AHW) project at the Office of Disability Employment Policy, will share successful and not so successful stories of Veterans involved in the AHW Pilot Employment Project. **Lisa Rosser**, MHRM, Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, and author of *The Guide for Human Resource Professionals Regarding, Recruiting, and Retaining Military Veterans*, will offer effective practices in hiring, promoting, and retaining Veterans with disabilities.

To view the agenda online, please go to <http://www.newworkforceconference.org>.

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 its 2009 Annual Conference, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by email at info@usbln.org.

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