

Two-Day Business Conference Announced "Black Wings" On Exhibit in Washington

Philadelphia, PA — Over 100 local corporations, and federal, state and municipal agencies are expected to attend JOINT VENTURE 82, a 2-day Business Opportunity Conference for minority-owned businesses, which is to be held on Thursday, Oct. 14 and Friday, Oct. 15, 1982, at the Holiday Inn Valley Forge, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

Specifically designed without any formal presentations, the conference will give minority entrepreneurs an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the bidding process for federal, state and city contracts as well as the purchasing requirements of major corporations. Minority entrepreneurs who attend the conference will also have an opportunity to be placed on bid listings.

The first day of the conference, Oct. 14, will be private sector day, and the corporate attendees will host booths. On the second day, public sector pur-

chasing officers from the Federal agencies; the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; South Jersey; New Castle County, Delaware; the City of Philadelphia; and the Philadelphia School District, will host booths and will provide individual counseling. Also on the second day, local business development agencies will be available to provide guidance to minority entrepreneurs in the areas of financing, marketing and technical assistance.

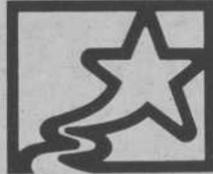
Joint Venture 82 is jointly sponsored by New-Penn-Del Regional Minority Purchasing Council; Minority Business Opportunity Committee; the City of Philadelphia; the Minority Business Development Agency; Mid-Atlantic Small Business Council; New Castle County, Delaware; and the Pennsylvania State Office of Minority Business Enterprise.

On the evening of the 14th, the Minority Input Committee of the New-

Penn-Del Regional Minority Purchasing Council, will sponsor an awards banquet honoring the corporate communities; contributions to Minority Business Development. Invited guests include various Chief Executive Officers from local corporations.

Minority business owners who are interested in attending the conference, should have their names and addresses placed on our mailing list for further information and registration forms by writing or telephoning the District Office of the Minority Business Development Agency, 600 Arch St., Rm 9436, Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215/597-9236.

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WHO WAS FIRST BLACK TO EARN PILOT'S LICENSE?

The first black American to earn a pilot's license was a woman — Bessie Coleman — but she had to go to France to get it.

She could not get licensed to fly in her own country, and after that trip to France, became one of those barnstorming stunt pilots of the early days of American aviation.

She was killed in a crash in 1926, at age 33, but "inspired many young blacks to enter the field of aviation."

Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., a 1936 graduate of West Point, became the

first black general in the Air Force in 1954.

Along with a lot more interesting bits, presented in text and pictures, in "Black Wings" The American Black in Aviation," a new exhibit that opened last Thursday for a two-year run at the National Air and Space Museum — one of the top tourist draws in the nation's capital.

In the first section of the exhibit appropriately headed as "Headwinds" says that participation of black Americans in this new field, however, did not come easily.

"There was a widely

held notion in the aviation community that blacks lacked the aptitude to fly, and blacks found themselves arbitrarily excluded from flight instructions."

The final segment, "An Era of Change," brings the struggle of blacks up to date: their long-delayed acceptance into commercial aviation — and into the space program.

Davis commanded the all-black 332nd Fighter Group that flew more than 1,580 missions covering bombers over some of Nazi Germany's toughest targets.

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