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**Glen T. Meakem, Managing Director of Meakem Becker Venture Capital, and Co-Founder of FreeMarkets, to be Guest Speaker at African American Chamber of Commerce's Eighth Annual Meeting Luncheon**

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania will hold its Eighth Annual Meeting Luncheon on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at the Omni William Penn Hotel at 12:00 noon.

The Keynote Speaker will be Mr. Glen T. Meakem, Managing Director of Meakem Becker Venture Capital, and Co-Founder and former Chairman of FreeMarkets, Inc., a revolutionary outlet for business-to-business electronic commerce. Founded in 1995, FreeMarkets, Inc. is the leading provider of software, services and information that assists corporations with all phases of supply management. Mr. Meakem and his team sold the company to Ariba for \$500 million in 2004.

Prior to starting FreeMarkets, Mr. Meakem held professional and managerial positions with McKinsey & Company, Kraft-General Foods, and General Electric. He was also an officer in the United States Army Reserve, where he achieved the rank of Captain. Mr. Meakem holds a B.A. and an M.B.A. from Harvard University.

The Annual Meeting Luncheon attracts over 400 people throughout the region each year, and the theme for this year's luncheon is "Technology Matters." Named one of 40 technology pioneers by the World Economic Forum, Mr. Meakem will stress the importance of small business and offer his strategy for success.

"Glen is a true entrepreneur and a valuable resource to share with our members and the small business community," said Chamber President & CEO, Doris Carson Williams. "He exemplifies the importance of taking risks and managing change."

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American business owners and professionals.