

# AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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### **African American Chamber of Commerce Welcomes**

#### **Real Estate Developer Keith B. Key as Presidential Roundtable Member**

**(Pittsburgh, PA – April 5, 2013)** The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has announced that Keith B. Key, President and CEO of KBK Enterprises has joined the Chamber's Presidential Roundtable, as the first African American member. Key, a prominent real estate developer, is a native of Pittsburgh, and heads one of the nation's largest African American owned real estate development firms. KBK Enterprises is active in cities throughout the nation including Pittsburgh, Ohio, Washington, DC, New York, Chicago and New Orleans. KBK Enterprises was selected as developer of Addison Terrace, a former public housing community in the center of Pittsburgh's Hill District. The \$130 million dollar award is the largest to a minority enterprise in the history of Pittsburgh. KBK's previous largest project award of \$80 Million was Garfield Commons in Pittsburgh, a community where he was raised. KBK has over \$500 million in current activities under contract. Key is also chairman of the Board and Director of the KBK Foundation, a charitable non-profit located in Ohio.

The Chamber's Presidential Roundtable is composed of 16 top executives in the business and academic communities in our region. The creation of the Presidential Roundtable in 1998 was the result of the Chamber's need to develop corporate links for relationship building to grow the organization. Former Chairman Robert Agbede, Chester Engineers, Inc.; Thomas Usher, former Chairman of USX Corporation; and Richard Simmons, Chairman Emeritus of Allegheny Teledyne initiated the effort to encourage chief executive officers in the business and academic areas in Western Pennsylvania to commit to being an executive member of the Chamber, and to encourage their buyers and procurement officers to work with the Chamber to identify minority firms for purchasing goods and services. Keith Key has been a member of the Chamber since 2006, and becomes the first African American to belong to the Chamber's Presidential Roundtable.

Today the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has over 500 members and supporters, and is ranked the 11<sup>th</sup> largest Chamber in the region. The

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

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