

DÎNER EN NOIR – WASHINGTON, DC

CAPITAL BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

WHERE CONNECTIONS CREATE CAPITAL

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A Dîner en Noir Signature Experience
Friday, September 18, 2026 • Washington, DC

Held during the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's
55th Annual Legislative Conference

TWO EXPERIENCES • 100 GUESTS EACH • INTENTIONALLY LIMITED



ENTREPRENEUR
ACCESS



BLACK BUSINESS
SHOWCASE

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— WASHINGTON, DC —

More Than Sponsorship. A Strategic Business Partnership.

During one of Washington's most significant gatherings of Black leadership, entrepreneurship, policy, and influence, Dîner en Noir – Washington, DC will convene an intentionally curated audience around one powerful idea:

RELATIONSHIPS CREATE OPPORTUNITY.

Partners don't simply place their logos in the room. They become part of an ecosystem designed to create access, connect resources with businesses, open doors to opportunity, and help relationships become capital.

THE PARTNERSHIP PROMISE

Access to an intentionally assembled business ecosystem—not mass exposure.

Two Hours. Two Environments. One Purpose.

1

CONNECT | ONE HOUR

Inside an elegant historic Washington residence, guests gather for cocktails, curated business connections, and meaningful conversation.

2

EXPERIENCE | ONE HOUR

Guests transition outdoors to an intimate garden patio illuminated by candlelight for a live musical performance.

3

CONTINUE | BEYOND THE EVENING

Relationships, resources, and opportunities introduced during the evening extend into the broader Dîner en Noir ecosystem.

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WHO'S IN THE ROOM?

An Audience Built Around Business

Not simply attendance. Intentional access to the conversation.

Entrepreneurs & Business Owners

Founders, CEOs, consultants, independent professionals and growth-stage operators.

Corporate Leaders & Decision-Makers

Executives, procurement, supplier-diversity and business-development leaders.

Investors & Capital Providers

Financial institutions, lenders, investors, funders and economic-development organizations.

Government & Public Affairs

Agency executives, policy professionals, diplomats, associations and public-affairs leaders.

Strategic Partners

Chambers, nonprofits, universities, media, professional associations and ecosystem builders.

Business Growth Professionals

Attorneys, accountants, bankers, technology, marketing, real estate and other advisors.

Partnership Designed Around Your Objectives

- Develop relationships with entrepreneurs and business owners
- Introduce products, services, resources, or expertise
- Identify potential suppliers, clients, or strategic partners
- Advance supplier-diversity and procurement objectives
- Demonstrate commitment to entrepreneurship and economic opportunity
- Host executives, clients, prospects, or selected entrepreneurs
- Strengthen brand positioning with business decision-makers
- Create thought-leadership and storytelling opportunities
- Support access for emerging entrepreneurs
- Build relationships that continue beyond ALC through the DEN ecosystem

The pathway is the framework. The activation is tailored around mutually beneficial business objectives.

Five Ways to Partner



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FIVE WAYS TO PARTNER

Meaningful pathways. Strategic access.
Real opportunity.

Capital Business Connections offers five partnership pathways designed to connect your organization with a curated audience of entrepreneurs, business owners, executives, investors, and corporate decision-makers during CBCF's 55th Annual Legislative Conference.

→ YOU DON'T JUST PLACE YOUR LOGO IN THE ROOM. YOU BECOME PART OF THE ECOSYSTEM. ←



1 SIGNATURE STRATEGIC PARTNER

Become the premier strategic partner supporting the overall Capital Business Connections experience and its mission of connecting business leaders with opportunity.

YOU WILL:

- Align your brand with a high-profile, mission-driven experience
- Receive maximum visibility and recognition
- Position your organization as a catalyst for connection and impact

POTENTIAL BENEFITS:



2 CAPITAL ACCESS PARTNER

Connect entrepreneurs and business owners with financial resources, expertise, capital solutions, and relationships that can support business growth.

YOU WILL:

- Showcase your capital solutions and financial expertise
- Build trust and relationships with qualified business leaders
- Drive awareness of your resources among decision-makers

POTENTIAL BENEFITS:



3 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PARTNER

Create meaningful connections around procurement, supplier diversity, professional services, technology, business development, and other growth opportunities aligned with your organization's objectives.

YOU WILL:

- Connect with potential clients, suppliers, and solution providers
- Strengthen your pipeline and business development
- Position your organization as an opportunity creator

POTENTIAL BENEFITS:



4 ENTREPRENEUR ACCESS PARTNER

Expand access by helping selected entrepreneurs and business owners participate in the experience and connect with relationships, resources, and opportunities that can move their businesses forward.

YOU WILL:

- Invest in access and economic empowerment
- Support business growth and community impact
- Demonstrate leadership and commitment to inclusion

POTENTIAL BENEFITS:



5 BLACK BUSINESS SHOWCASE PARTNER

An accessible partnership pathway created specifically for Black-owned businesses to introduce their products, services, and brands to the Capital Business Connections audience through a curated presence within the experience.

YOU WILL:

- Showcase your business to an influential and engaged audience
- Build visibility, credibility, and new relationships
- Gain exposure that can lead to new opportunities

POTENTIAL BENEFITS:



PARTNERSHIP DESIGNED AROUND YOUR OBJECTIVES

Partnership benefits vary by level and may include the opportunities shown above and more.



LET'S BUILD SOMETHING MEANINGFUL TOGETHER.

Request the Strategic Partnership Deck or discuss a custom partnership today.

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Finite inventory. Strategic access. Tailored participation.

Signature Strategic Partner

\$10,000 Investment | 1 Available

Lead the Conversation.

ACCESS

6 Executive Access credentials allocated across both sessions; may host executives, clients, prospects, or invited entrepreneurs.

CORE BENEFITS

- Official Signature Strategic Partner designation
- Premier recognition immediately following DENDC branding
- Category exclusivity
- Recognition during both sessions
- Customized activation aligned with partner objectives
- Priority curated introductions and profile targeting
- Featured partner/resource content
- Pre- and post-event communications and DEN ecosystem engagement

Capital Access Partner

\$7,500 Investment | 2 Available

Put Capital Within Reach.

ACCESS

4 Executive/Preferred credentials.

POTENTIAL ACTIVATION

CAPITAL CONNECTIONS — Powered by [Partner]

CORE BENEFITS

- Official Capital Access Partner designation
- Category protection where applicable
- Prominent digital and on-site recognition
- Curated introductions to relevant entrepreneurs
- Capital/resource activation opportunity
- Entrepreneur-focused communications
- Thought-leadership/content opportunity
- Post-event resource inclusion and DEN ecosystem engagement

Business Opportunity Partner

\$5,000 Investment | 3 Available

Turn Connection Into Opportunity.

ACCESS

4 Preferred/Executive credentials.

POTENTIAL ACTIVATION

Client Acquisition • Procurement • Supplier
Diversity • Business Development • Technology
Adoption

CORE BENEFITS

- Official Business Opportunity Partner designation
- Industry/category protection where appropriate
- Digital and on-site brand recognition
- Curated introductions based on business interests
- Strategic activation opportunity
- Business-resource integration
- Engagement with prospective clients, suppliers, or partners
- Post-event resource placement and ecosystem engagement

Entrepreneur Access Partner

\$3,000 Investment | 3 Available

Open the Door for Someone Else.

ACCESS

2 partner credentials plus an allocated pool of sponsored Connection Access registrations.

POTENTIAL ACTIVATION

Your investment helps put an entrepreneur in the room.

CORE BENEFITS

- Official Entrepreneur Access Partner designation
- Recognition for supporting entrepreneur participation
- Partner branding on relevant materials
- Underwrite access for selected entrepreneurs
- Storytelling around supported businesses
- Social and on-site recognition
- Post-event impact communications
- Opportunity to engage participating entrepreneurs

Black Business Showcase Partner

\$1,000 Investment | 5 Available

Put Your Business in the Room.

ACCESS

2 Showcase credentials.

POTENTIAL ACTIVATION

Curated, premium presentation—subject to fit, space, category, and DEN visual standards.

CORE BENEFITS

- Official Black Business Showcase Partner designation
- Curated brand presence within the cocktail experience
- Opportunity to showcase products or services
- Event website/business directory listing
- Social media recognition
- Networking access
- Professional event photography
- Post-event DEN ecosystem visibility

Partnership Benefit Matrix

Benefit	Signature	Capital	Business	Entrepreneur	Showcase
Investment	\$10K	\$7.5K	\$5K	\$3K	\$1K
Official Designation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Website / On-Site Recognition	Premier	Featured	Featured	Standard	Showcase
Curated Introductions	Priority	✓	✓	—	—
Custom Activation	Premium	✓	✓	—	Showcase
Thought Leadership	✓	✓	Select	—	—
Category Exclusivity	✓	Select	Select	—	Select
Post-Event Engagement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Partner Access	6	4	4	2	2

Benefits subject to final agreement, activation feasibility, category availability, and production requirements. Curated introductions do not guarantee business outcomes.

The Evening Is the Introduction.

Membership & Member Benefits

Provide resources, solutions, and advantages that support DEN members.

Business Development

Connect with entrepreneurs and business owners across the ecosystem.

Content & Thought Leadership

Share expertise through relevant educational and professional-development opportunities.

Signature Experiences

Explore partnership opportunities across additional DEN Signature Events.

Host City Communities

Develop relationships within DEN communities in additional markets.

Community Impact

Support initiatives strengthening entrepreneurship, opportunity, and economic participation.

ONE EVENT CAN INTRODUCE THE RELATIONSHIP. THE ECOSYSTEM GIVES US SOMEWHERE TO TAKE IT.

Other Ways to Create Value

IN-KIND STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Products or services that directly offset expenses or enhance the guest experience.

Priority: Transportation • Hospitality • Food & Beverage • Technology • Photo/Video • Printing • Floral/Design • Guest Gifts

Benefits based on fair-market and strategic value.

MEMBER-BENEFIT & MEDIA PARTNERS

Provide meaningful ongoing benefits, resources, preferred services, event coverage, storytelling, entrepreneur visibility, or amplification.

CUSTOM STRATEGIC ACTIVATIONS

Tell us what you're trying to accomplish. We'll determine whether Capital Business Connections and the Dîner en Noir ecosystem can create a mutually beneficial pathway.

200 GUESTS. AND THAT'S THE POINT.

Capital Business Connections is intentionally not designed for mass attendance. Each session is limited to 100 guests so entrepreneurs, executives, investors, professionals, and strategic partners can actually engage.

**NOT MAXIMUM IMPRESSIONS.
MAXIMUM RELEVANCE.**

ACCESS TO THE CONVERSATION.

NEXT STEP

Let's Create Something Meaningful Together.

Whether your organization wants to connect with entrepreneurs, identify new business relationships, support access to capital, advance supplier opportunities, invest in entrepreneurship, or introduce resources to an influential business community, Capital Business Connections offers a pathway to participate.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

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PARTNERSHIP AVAILABILITY

- 1 Signature Strategic
- 2 Capital Access
- 3 Business Opportunity
- 3 Entrepreneur Access
- 5 Black Business Showcase

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BECOME A STRATEGIC PARTNER

DISCUSS YOUR PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVES