



Illinois State Black
Chamber of Commerce

21ST

ANNUAL CONVENTION

THEME:

NO LONGER DIVIDED

ONE VISION. ONE COMMUNITY. UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITY.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE

Uniting Black businesses with corporations, agencies, and communities to build stronger partnerships and create lasting economic impact.



SEPT 9th - 10th, 2026

WIND CREEK CHICAGO SOUTHLAND
EAST HAZEL CREST, IL

**2 DAYS OF CONNECTION,
COLLABORATION &
BUSINESS GROWTH**



POWERFUL NETWORKING

Connect with corporate leaders, state agencies, and industry pros.



IMPACTFUL PANELS

Engage in timely conversations on business, policy, and innovation.



ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITY

Discover funding, resources, and strategic partnerships that drive growth.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Highlighting Black entrepreneurship and the power of our community.





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ABOUT US, MISSION AND VISION



The Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (ILBCC) is a dynamic non-profit 501(c)(6) business organization dedicated to fostering a more inclusive and prosperous Illinois. As the state's leading Black trade organization, we are dedicated to empowering Black-owned businesses, women entrepreneurs, veterans, and other minority enterprises. With over 29 years of expertise, the Chamber champions economic opportunity, fosters growth, and drives innovation. By offering resources and networking platforms, we equip businesses with the tools needed to succeed and compete at all levels.



Our mission is rooted in providing strategic support to small businesses. Since our founding in 1997, we have bridged the gaps between the public and private sectors, driving growth and creating opportunities for businesses. Through an extensive network of members, chapters, and partnerships with agencies, organizations, corporations, and other businesses, we foster a robust and healthier business ecosystem. By addressing economic inequalities in underserved communities, the Chamber is committed to building a more equitable and prosperous future with a lasting impact for all.



Our vision is to cultivate and sustain an environment where businesses can thrive, innovate, and achieve long-term success. As a staunch advocate for the over 188,000 Black-owned businesses across Illinois, we celebrate their resilience and entrepreneurial spirit, which drives the vitality of Illinois' economy. These businesses, diverse in industry, form a vibrant tapestry that exemplifies the enduring spirit of entrepreneurship within our state.

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**A Message
from the
President &
CEO, Dr.
Larry D. Ivory**

We are excited to invite you to the **21st Annual Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce Convention, September 9-10, 2026, at Wind Creek Chicago Southland**. Just 25 miles south of downtown Chicago, this vibrant community is known for its rich multicultural heritage

For more than two decades, the ILBCC Convention has served as a premier gathering for influential leaders nationwide, including Presidential candidates, Fortune 500 executives, global corporate partners, and distinguished foreign diplomats. This year continues that legacy, with over 450 business professionals expected to join us.

Our 2026 theme, “No Longer Divided,” reflects our commitment to unity, collaboration, and shared economic advancement. When Black businesses, corporations, agencies, and communities come together, we unlock opportunities that strengthen our collective future.

This milestone event offers two impactful days focused on entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, featuring high-level matchmaking, expert-led workshops, engaging panels, and exceptional networking.

With your partnership, the ILBCC will make this year’s convention our most transformative yet. Together, we will strengthen connections, expand opportunity, and drive long-term economic impact. Your support fuels our mission to empower Black businesses and build generational wealth across Illinois and beyond.

We hope you will join us for this landmark event. Together, we are stronger — building wealth, building legacy, and shaping a future where our communities thrive without division.

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Pioneer Platinum Sponsorship
\$50,000



Benefits:

Premium Branding Prior to the Event:

- Prominent placement of corporate logo on all event marketing materials.
- Corporate logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Logo or company name included in social media promotions.
- Inclusion in event press releases and digital advertisements.
- Featured in Chamber Eblasts or other publication.
- Featured segment on the Wake-up Show Chicago, WVON 1690 radio.

Premiere Advertisement During the Event:

- Logo or name on hotel or major digital advertising for the event.
- Opportunity to participate in a high-profile panel during the event.
- Prominent logo recognition in the Program Book.
- Prominent corporate recognition signage throughout the event, including the option to display a pull-up banner.
- Thank-you announcements throughout the event.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Front-row VIP seating at all sessions.
- Invitation for President/VP to the exclusive invitation only Breakfast on Thursday, 9/10/26.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include premium promotional material in convention bags.
- Support in identifying and connecting with suppliers to align with procurement goals and organizational priorities.
- Prime exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes six (6) full convention registrations.

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**Crystal
Sponsorship**
\$35,000



Benefits:

Premium Branding Prior to the Event:

- Corporate logo included in select event marketing materials.
- Corporate logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Logo or company name included in select social media promotions.
- Inclusion in select press releases and digital advertisements.
- Mentioned in a Chamber Eblasts or other publication.
- Mentioned on the Wake-up Show Chicago, WVON 1690 radio.

Premiere Advertisement During the Event:

- Logo or name on hotel or major digital advertising for the event.
- Opportunity to participate in a high-profile panel during the event.
- Corporate logo recognition in the Program Book.
- Corporate logo signage displayed throughout the event, including the option to display a pull-up banner.
- Thank-you announcements during the event.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Reserved VIP seating at Welcome Reception on Wednesday, 9/9/26 and lunch on Thursday, 9/10/26.
- Invitation for President/VP to the exclusive invitation only Breakfast on Thursday, 9/10/26.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Support in identifying and connecting with suppliers to align with procurement goals and organizational priorities.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes five (5) full convention registrations.

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**Premier
Sponsorship**
\$25,000



Benefits:

Essential Branding Prior to the Event:

- Inclusion in event promotional and marketing materials.
- Name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Logo or company name in select social media promotions.
- Mentioned in select press releases and communications outreach.

Acknowledgement Advertisement During the Event:

- Logo or name on hotel or major digital advertising for the event.
- Corporate logo or name recognition in the Program Book.
- Corporate logo signage displayed at the event, including the option to display a pull-up banner.
- Inclusion in event thank-you announcements.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Reserved VIP seating at Welcome Reception on 9/9/26.
- Invitation for President/VP to the exclusive invitation only Breakfast on Thursday, 9/10/26.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Support in identifying and connecting with suppliers to align with procurement goals and organizational priorities.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes four (4) full convention registrations.

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**Platinum
Sponsorship**
\$15,000



Benefits:

Branding Prior to the Event:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Inclusion in social media advertisements.
- Recognition in event promotional and marketing materials.

On-Site Advertisement During the Event:

- Name or logo included in signage at the event.
- Inclusion in the Program Book.
- Mention during thank-you announcements throughout the event.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Invitation for President/VP to the exclusive invitation only Breakfast on Thursday, 9/10/26.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes two (2) full convention registrations.

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Gold Sponsorship \$10,000



Silver Sponsorship \$5,000



Other Sponsorships

Benefits:

Branding Prior to the Event:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in select event promotional and marketing materials.

On-Site Advertisement During the Event:

- Name or logo included in signage at the event.
- Inclusion in the Program Book.
- Mention during thank-you announcements at the event.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes two (2) full convention registrations.

Benefits:

Branding Prior to the Event:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.

On-Site Advertisement During the Event:

- Name or logo included in signage at the event.
- Inclusion in the Program Book.
- Mention during thank-you announcements at the event.

Includes one (1) full convention registration.

Benefits Available Upon Request

- Portfolio and Pen Sponsor \$7,500
- Program Book Sponsor \$5,000
- Conference Bag Sponsor \$5,000
- Workshop Sponsor \$5,000

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Welcome Reception Sponsorship

\$25,000



Specialty Sponsorship

Benefits:

Exclusive Branding Prior to the Welcome Reception:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials specific to the reception.
- Mention in event related social media outreach.
- Mention in select press releases or communications outreach.

Exclusive Branding at the Welcome Reception

- Logo or name on hotel or major digital advertising for the convention.
- Company logo prominently displayed in signage during reception.
- Inclusion in the Program Book as a sponsor of the reception.
- Thank-you announcements during the Welcome Reception.
- Option to display a pull-up banner at the Reception.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Reserved VIP seating at the Welcome Reception on Wednesday, 9/9/26.
- Invitation for President/VP to the exclusive invitation only Breakfast on Thursday, 9/10/26.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)
- Support in identifying and connecting with suppliers to align with procurement goals and organizational priorities.

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Lunch
Thursday, 9/10/26
Sponsorship
\$15,000



Specialty Sponsorship

Benefits:

Exclusive Branding Prior to the Luncheon:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials specific to the lunch.
- Mention in event related social media outreach.

Exclusive Branding at the Luncheon:

- Company name or logo prominently displayed in signage during reception.
- Inclusion in the Program Book as a sponsor of the lunch.
- Thank-you acknowledgement during the lunch.
- Option to display a pull-up banner at the lunch.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Reserved VIP seating at the lunch on Thursday, 9/10/26

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes two (2) full convention registrations

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Lunch
Wednesday, 9/9/26
Sponsorship
\$10,000



Specialty Sponsorship

Benefits:

Exclusive Branding Prior to the Luncheon:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials specific to the lunch.
- Mention in event related social media outreach.

Exclusive Branding:

- Company name or logo prominently displayed in signage during lunch.
- Inclusion in the Program Book as a sponsor of the lunch.
- Thank-you acknowledgement during the lunch.
- Option to display a pull-up banner at the lunch.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Exhibition space, including 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes two (2) full convention registrations



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**General Breakfast
Thursday, 9/10/26
Sponsorship**

\$10,000



Specialty Sponsorship

Benefits:

Exclusive Branding Prior to the Breakfast:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials specific to the breakfast.
- Mention in event related social media outreach.

Exclusive Branding at the Breakfast:

- Company name or logo prominently displayed in signage during the breakfast.
- Inclusion in the Program Book as a sponsor of the breakfast.
- Thank-you acknowledgement during the breakfast.
- Option to display a pull-up banner at the breakfast.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Reserved VIP seating at the breakfast on Thursday, 9/10/26.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

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Closing Reception Sponsorship

\$10,000



Specialty Sponsorship

Benefits:

Exclusive Branding Prior to the Reception:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials specific to the reception.
- Mention in event related social media outreach.

Exclusive Branding at the Reception

- Company name or logo prominently displayed in signage during reception.
- Inclusion in the Program Book as a sponsor of the reception.
- Thank-you announcements during the Reception.
- Option to display a pull-up banner at the Reception.

VIP Access and Benefits:

- Reserved VIP seating at the Closing Reception on Thursday, 9/10/26

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.
- Exhibition space, including a 6-foot skirted table with tablecloth, two (2) chairs, and access to an electrical outlet (9/9/26 and 9/10/26.)

Includes two (2) full convention registrations.



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Wednesday, 9/9/26
General Breakfast
Sponsorship
\$5,000



Specialty Sponsorship

Benefits:

Exclusive Branding Prior to the Breakfast:

- Company name or logo featured on Chamber's website.
- Recognition in pre-event promotional materials specific to the breakfast.
- Mention in event related social media outreach.

Exclusive Branding at the Breakfast:

- Company name or logo prominently displayed in signage during breakfast.
- Inclusion in the Program Book as a sponsor of the breakfast.
- Thank-you acknowledgement during the breakfast.
- Option to display a pull-up banner at the breakfast.

Engagement Opportunities:

- Opportunity to include literature or items in convention bags.

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VIP Breakfast Sponsorship

\$5,000



Specialty Sponsorship

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Exclusive Branding at the Breakfast:

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VIP Access and Benefits:

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Past Convention Sponsors and Exhibitors include:

A & D Property Services
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AGB Investigative Security Solutions
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Allwyn North America
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American Airlines
Anchor Staffing, Inc.
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BOWA Construction
Camelot Illinois
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Casino Queen
CEFCU
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Empress Casino
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Exelon
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Flowers Communication
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FUBU
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GIVSCO Construction
Grand Victoria Casino Elgin
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Harold Washington Colleges
Harrah's Joliet
Harrah's Metropolis
Hollywood Casino Aurora
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IBPAC
IDG Architects
Illinicare Health
Illinois American Water
Illinois Casino Gaming Association
Illinois Department of Employment Securities
Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Department of Transportation
Illinois Housing Authority
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority
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IT Architect, Corp.
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Johnson Controls
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M Cannon Roofing Company
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Peabody
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Peoria County
Peoples Gas
PMI Energy Solutions
Rapid Ratings
Raeh Consulting
Republic of Botswana
Revere Consulting
River City Construction
Rivers Casino
Rumberger's
Simpco
SLG Innovation
Southwest Airlines
Sterling Initiatives
Supreme Solutions
Tenaska Taylorville
Terrell Materials
The Chicago Crusader
The Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
The Owens Group, Inc.
The PASS Program
The Roderick Group
The Will Group
Timeless Herbal Care
Turner Construction
University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, Springfield
United Airlines
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Verizon
Wal-Mart
Waste Management
Wells Fargo Advisors
Williams Brothers Construction
Wind Creek Chicago Southland
Wind Creek Hospitality
WSP
WVON – Chicago
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PANEL TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Access to Capital & Financial Empowerment
- ✓ Government Contracting & Procurement
- ✓ Technology & Innovation
- ✓ Workforce Development & Talent Retention
- ✓ Business Expansion & Scaling
- ✓ Policy, Advocacy & Economic Equity

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