

ILBCC 2024 Convention Schedule

Day 1 | Wednesday, August 7, 2024

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Continental Breakfast <i>Pre-Function Area</i>	
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Show Up, Follow-Up, Keep It Up, and Don't Give Up The keys to leaving a lasting impression by understanding how to leverage your time to win contracts with Brian Brown <i>Plaza Room</i>	
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	One-on-One Matchmaker Sessions <i>Salons C – E and Rooms 1 and 2</i>	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Business Program	
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch and Networking	
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Access to Capital and Information on Grants <i>Plaza Room</i>	Understanding the Opportunities to Do Business With State Agencies
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	The Power of the Sheltered Markets, One of the Most Effective Tools for Inclusion <i>Plaza Room</i>	The Future of Energy with Solar and Alternative Energy
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Legal Shield <i>Plaza Room</i>	
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception, Awards, and Entertainment <i>Ballroom Salons A and B</i> International Fashion Show with Catou and world-renowned Fashion Designer Berny Martin. Includes performances by soul artists.	

Day 2 | Thursday, August 8, 2024

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM	VIP Breakfast (Invited Guest) General Breakfast <i>Plaza Room</i>	
9:00 AM	Opening Comments <i>Salons A and B</i>	
9:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Diversity and Energy Panel <i>Salons A and B</i>	
10:45 AM – Noon	How to Make Money Work for You the Secrets of the Rich with Derrick Whitehead, international speaker, entrepreneur, and author of <i>Economic Masonry Money Guide, The Secrets of the Rich</i> <i>Salons A and B</i>	
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Business Awards Luncheon celebrating business excellence and exploring opportunities for Doing Business Internationally with a special focus on Zimbabwe and Nigeria. Gain valuable insights by expanding your business horizons on how to tap into new markets. <i>Salons A and B</i>	
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Leveraging Technology for Your Business <i>Salons A and B</i> Let Verizon show you how to use AI for customer retention and to elevate the customer experience	
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	The Power of Franchising to Close Wealth Gap <i>Salons A and B</i> A riveting conversation featuring acclaimed corporate lawyer and power entrepreneur, Robert Johnson Esq. Discover the transformation potential of franchising and how it can revolutionize your business.	
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Reception and Entertainment <i>Salons C – E</i> As the conference wraps up, enjoy an evening of delightful appetizers and leisure activities. Connect with other attendees in an informal environment, reinforcing the ties built during the event.	