



DC SUSTAINABLE
BUSINESS NETWORK

"Legal Ease"

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LEGAL/REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE "TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE"

FEDERAL

EPA NEGOTIATES LANDMARK INTERNATIONAL POLLUTION AGREEMENT

ON JUNE 2, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ANNOUNCED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WORLD'S LARGEST ZINC PRODUCER, A CANADIAN COMPANY, TO INVESTIGATE CONTAMINATION IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S COLUMBIA RIVER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

[HTTP://YOSEMITE.EPA.GOV/OPA/ADMPRESS.NSF/7C02CA8C86062A0F85257018004118A6/746800BE1766CE5285257181006903E0!OPENDOCUMENT](http://YOSEMITE.EPA.GOV/OPA/ADMPRESS.NSF/7C02CA8C86062A0F85257018004118A6/746800BE1766CE5285257181006903E0!OPENDOCUMENT) OR

[HTTP://WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/WP-DYN/CONTENT/ARTICLE/2006/06/02/AR2006060201047.HTML](http://WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/WP-DYN/CONTENT/ARTICLE/2006/06/02/AR2006060201047.HTML)

MARYLAND

AVOID CRIMINAL CHARGES! BASIC PILOT PROGRAM REPORTS IMMIGRANT STATUS

BUSINESSES THAT PROFIT FROM HIRING AND HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS MAY NOW FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES INSTEAD OF FINES. HOWEVER, BUSINESSES CAN MINIMIZE THIS THREAT BY ASCERTAINING THE IMMIGRANT STATUS OF POTENTIAL HIRES THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION TOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTP://WWW.USCIS.GOV/GRAPHICS/SERVICES/SAVE.HTM#TWO](http://WWW.USCIS.GOV/GRAPHICS/SERVICES/SAVE.HTM#TWO) OR

[HTTP://BALTIMORE.BIZJOURNALS.COM/EXTRAEDGE/WASHINGTONBUREAU/ARCHIVE/2006/06/05/BUREAU2.HTML?MARKET=BALTIMORE](http://BALTIMORE.BIZJOURNALS.COM/EXTRAEDGE/WASHINGTONBUREAU/ARCHIVE/2006/06/05/BUREAU2.HTML?MARKET=BALTIMORE) .

BUSINESS WOMEN'S NETWORKING GROUP TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

ON JUNE 21, 2006, BUSINESS WOMEN'S NETWORK OF HOWARD COUNTY INC., A NONPROFIT NETWORKING ORGANIZATION, WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.BWN-HOCO.ORG .

BALTIMORE SUN ENTERPRISING BUSINESS WOMEN EVENT

ON AUGUST 4, 2006, THE BALTIMORE SUN WILL HOST ITS ANNUAL EVENT. THIS EVENT IS USUALLY SOLD OUT, SO ORDER TICKETS EARLY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

[HTTP://BALTIMORE.BIZJOURNALS.COM/BALTIMORE/EVENT/2340](http://BALTIMORE.BIZJOURNALS.COM/BALTIMORE/EVENT/2340).

VIRGINIA

VIRGINIA CREATES MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

ON APRIL 12, 2006, GOVERNOR KAINE SIGNED LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO ASSESS MANUFACTURING NEEDS AND TO FORMULATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY REMEDIES TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN VIRGINIA. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT

[HTTP://WWW.DBA.STATE.VA.US/MEDIACENTER/LATESTNEWSLETTERS.ASP](http://WWW.DBA.STATE.VA.US/MEDIACENTER/LATESTNEWSLETTERS.ASP)

OR [HTTP://LEG1.STATE.VA.US/CGI-BIN/LEGP504.EXE?061+FUL+CHAP0607](http://LEG1.STATE.VA.US/CGI-BIN/LEGP504.EXE?061+FUL+CHAP0607)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

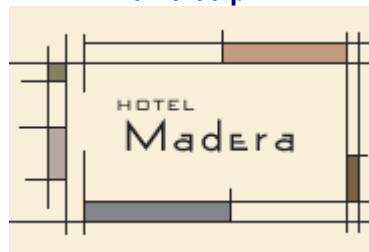
MAYOR URGES RESIDENTS TO TAKE SMALL STEPS TO REDUCE GLOBAL WARMING

ON JUNE 2, MAYOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS REMINDED DISTRICT RESIDENTS THAT THEY CAN HELP COMBAT GLOBAL WARMING BY MAKING MINOR CHANGES TO THEIR LIFESTYLES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [HTTP://WWW.DC.GOV/NEWS/RELEASE.ASP?ID=914](http://WWW.DC.GOV/NEWS/RELEASE.ASP?ID=914)

If you read *Legal Ease*, you should attend Grassroots Advocacy 101: Building Community Support for Sustainable Business Practices

Heather Sidwell, an Associate at McDermott Will & Emery LLP and **one of the authors of DCSBN's "Legal Ease"** will speak on how other communities have embraced sustainable business practices. She will present ideas for how you and your business can become effective advocates for change and build interest in sustainable business practices with community leaders.

**June 22, 2006
6 - 8:00 pm**



**1310 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington, DC20036
For more information call: 202-244-0453**

McDermott Will & Emery LLP is providing periodic updates on legal and regulatory issues affecting the triple bottom line as a public service to DCSBN's membership. DCSBN appreciates MWE's generous contribution of time and resources in bringing this helpful resource to the DCSBN community.
