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MISSION

The Black Economic Development Task Force of San Diego County Incorporated was established in May of 1987 as an outgrowth of a "Black Community Conference" where goals and strategies were developed to promote economic well-being.

Our mission is to create an environment of economic opportunity emphasizing self-reliance and economic productivity. The Task Force has historically committed its resources to projects that improve the range and quality of goods and services available in the African American community. The Task Force remains committed to the continued development of Southeast San Diego and activities in other communities where African Americans live, invest and own businesses.

The Black Economic Development Task Force (BEDTF) focuses its efforts in three primary areas: *Education, Research, Capital Formation*

EDUCATION

The exclusion of African Americans from the economic mainstream is a well documented fact. This exclusion is due in part to a lack of understanding of the importance of investing indivudally and as a community. The *BEDTF* sponsors seminars and workshops designed to increase knowledge of money management, investment and wealth building strategies.

RESEARCH

By clearly identifying the issues which impact economic development in our communities, we are able to develop effective plans of action. Research is a vital function of the *BEDTF,* as limited informational resources are available regarding African Americans in San Diego.

CAPITAL FORMATION

Studies indicate that under-capitalization is a profound factor impacting the success of minority businesses. The Task Force works to develop capital formation vehicles in an effort to address this critical problem. We also serve as an informational and networking resource for entrepreneurs.

Economic development issues have been identified as some of the most important on the African American agenda. The future of African Americans in San Diego is dependent on our successful entry into the economic mainstream of this country. The mission of the Task Force is a prescription for our future.

MEETINGS

Membership meetings are held the second Monday of February, May, August and November, at the Center for Community Economic Development and Research, 720 Gateway Center Drive, Suite B, 266-7272.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who supports the mission of the Black Economic Development Task Force and pays the annual membership dues. In addition to the benefits that members receive from the Task Force's advocacy for economic progress, members also receive other valuable benefits.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Members in good standing receive the following:

- Advocacy for Jobs, Contracts and ownership
- Newsletter
- Seminars/Workshops
- Discount rates for special events
- Business assistance
- Listing in business directory
- Reduced admission at the Annual Summit

MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Individual - $50
- Small Business - $100
- Corporate sponsor - $500
- Associate - $25 (Non-voting)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I want to join the Black Economic Development Task Force.

☐ *Individual - $50* ☐ *Corporate Sponsor - $500*

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Address _____

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Phone number _____