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BUSINESS EXPERTS TO SPEAK AT POWER BREAKFAST ON STARTING AND MAINTAINING YOUR OWN BUSINESS ON NOVEMBER 17TH

JACKSON, Tenn. (November 4, 2014) – The Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce will present its final Power Breakfast for 2014 this month. The Power Breakfast on “Starting and Maintaining Your Own Business” will feature economic development guru Sharon Taylor McKinney and accounting whiz Don A. McCorry on Monday, November 17, 10:00 a.m. at the Huntspon Business Complex, 357 North Royal St. The meeting is open to members, aspiring business owners and the general public. There is no charge for the meeting. For more information, call 731-424-2030 or email info@jmcaacc.org.



A well-known name and face in government and business circles in West Tennessee, Sharon Taylor McKinney is a graduate of the University of Memphis and the Weststar Leadership Program. She has served as a specialist with the Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) for Memphis and Shelby County, the Business Enterprise Resource Office (BERO) housed at the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for which she covered 21 West Tennessee counties, and the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSDBC) housed at the City of Memphis Renaissance Business Center, amassing more than 20 years as an economic, community and small business development professional. She is founder/director of Transformations Economic & Community Development Corporation and principal consultant for Better Communications Strategy, Training and Consulting.



Equally knowledgeable in business operations, Don McCorry has a BS degree in Business Administration with emphasis in accounting from Tennessee State University and has worked toward his MBA at the University of Tennessee. His professional experience includes serving as the manager for financial operations at the ICMA Retirement Corporation, a non-profit organization which administers IRS 457 pension plans to state and local government employees. In addition, he spent more than 13 years as the deputy director of the Fairfax County Virginia Retirement Systems serving general employees, police officers and fire fighters where he was responsible for the administration of all the pension benefits including, investment management and agency operations. He also was an adjunct professor at George Washington University in Washington D.C. teaching pension administration. Presently, McCorry is the operations manager at the Nell Huntspon Flower Box.

The Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (www.jmcaacc.org) began hosting the Power Breakfast in 2010 as a monthly learning and networking opportunities for current and aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners and other interested parties. The sessions are generally held on the third Monday of the month. The JMCAACC office is located at 351-C North Royal. ###