

# EV Small Business Supplier Forum

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

8:00 am to 9:00am | **Registration and Networking**

## Welcome

9:00am to 9:15am	<b><i>Introduction and Welcome</i></b> Richard Youngblood, President, TAMA Cheri Henderson, President, TriState MSDC Chris Lewis, Vice President, AIAG
9:15 am to 9:45 am	<b><i>Legislative Updates (Tariffs and Diversity)</i></b> Mitchell Zajac – Shareholder & Attorney, Butzel Frank Menchaca – Founder, Auzolan LLC (pending)
9:45am to 10:15am	<b><i>R&amp;D Strategies</i></b> Tier 1s - TBD
10:15 am to 10:45 am	<b><i>D.O.T./D.O.E. Funding Opportunities</i></b> TBD
10:45 am to 11:15 am	<b>Exhibitor Break</b>
11:15 am to 11:45 am	<b><i>EV Success Stories</i></b> Lensey King – Founder and CEO, EM&T Ken Cartwright – Chief Operating Officer, Hightower EV

## Lunch (12pm – 1:15pm)

1:15 pm to 1:45 pm	<b>Automotive Executive Overview Luncheon</b> – David Fernandes, Senior Vice President, Mazda Toyota Manufacturing <b><i>New Opportunities to Consider Around New D.C. Administration</i></b> Brian Engle – Board Chair, NaatBatt Travis Spencer – Senior Manager of Supplier Relations, <b>Ford</b> Ashley Campbell – Corporate Responsibility & Sustainability Manager, <b>Volvo</b> Shaquanta Locke – NAR Purchasing/Supplier Equity & Inclusion Manager, <b>VW</b> Ken Jones – Senior Director of Procurement, Vendor Relations, & MWOB Purchasing, <b>EPB</b>
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1:45 pm to 2:15 pm

***Access to Capital***

Business Consortium Fund – Sahra Halpern, CEO & President  
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta – TBD  
First Independence Bank of Detroit – Kenneth Kelly, CEO & President  
Kathy Nelson – VP, Pinnacle Financial Partners

2:15 pm to 2:45 pm

**Exhibitor Break**

***EV Community Awareness & Education***

2:45 pm to 3:15 pm

Alabama Mobility Partnership – Olga Bredikhina, Transportation  
Research Economist  
Society of Mechanical Engineers – Robert Luce, Vice President  
Georgia Network for Electric Mobility – Gabrielle Pierre, Strategy Lead  
and Senior Fellow

3:15 pm to 4:00 pm

**Update and Introduction from Strategic EV Partners**

Volta Foundation – TBD  
**NaatBatt – Women in Manufacturing – TBD**  
BEVI – TBD  
TBD  
**Networking Reception**