



WOMEN'S BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE COUNCIL SOUTH

PRESENTS

POWER INDUSTRY SUMMIT

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center | East Meeting Rooms, First Floor

8:30 am - 9:15 am	REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST	
9:15 am - 9:30 am	WELCOME REMARKS	Elaine Walton, Mayer Electric Supply Glenda Thomas, Alabama Power Mike Allums, Alabama Power Honorable Randall L. Woodfin, Mayor City of Birmingham
9:30 am - 10:30 am	PROCUREMENT PANEL	Ashley Floyd, TVA Glenda Thomas, Alabama Power Jewel Smith, CenterPoint Energy Rivers Frederick, Entergy Moderator: Phala Mire, WBEC South
10:45 am - 11:45 am	WBE PANEL	Fonda New, QRI Samantha Shaw, Kopri Promotions Shannon Riley, One Stop Environmental Stephanie Cain, CA-PAR Electric Moderator: Phala Mire, WBEC South
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	RESOURCE ROW	
12:30 am - 1:45 pm	KEYNOTE LUNCHEON Welcome Remarks Keynote Speaker	Kelly Mitchell, US Department of Energy Scott A. Vowels, PhD Author, <i>Hacking Supplier Diversity</i>
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	RESOURCE ROW	
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	MIX & MATCHMAKER	Rountables
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	BUSINESS AFTER HOURS	Westin Hotel (adjacent to BJCC)

POWER INDUSTRY SUMMIT SPEAKERS



The Honorable Randall J. Woodfin



**Ashley Floyd
Sr. Contracts Manager, TVA**

Ashley Floyd is a Senior Contracts Manager at TVA, who's responsibilities include contract negotiation, clear and concise communication, project management, expanding/developing relationships with suppliers, achieving cost reductions, and serving as a business representative for TVA.



**Fonda New
CEO, Quaternary Resource Investigations (QRI)**

A geologist by training specializing in fluvial stratigraphy, Fonda established QRI in 1986 in Baton Rouge, LA. QRI specializes geophysical assessments, remediation, emergency response, and construction services.



**Glenda Thomas
Supplier Relations & Diversity Manager
Alabama Power**

Glenda S. Thomas is the Supplier Relations and Diversity Manager for Alabama Power, a Southern Company, and serves on the Board of Directors for WBEC South. Prior to joining Alabama Power, she was a Contracts Services Supervisor for Southern Nuclear Operating Company.



**Jewel Smith
Manager, Supplier Diversity, Centerpoint Energy**

As a manager of supplier diversity for CenterPoint Energy Inc., Jewel Smith, is responsible for providing strategic guidance towards enhancing supplier diversity initiatives, integration, and results across corporate imperatives and culture.



**Kelly Mitchell
Special Advisor, US Department of Energy**

In her position as Special Advisor, she helps oversee four offices that include Minority Education and Community Development, Minority Business and Economic Development, the Office of Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunity, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.



**Mike Allums
Director, Supply Chain Management, Alabama Power**

Since beginning his career in 1984, Mike has served in many positions at Alabama Power including account manager for healthcare, commercial and industrial marketing, assistant to the executive vice president, and segment manager for the automotive and rubber and plastics segment.



**Rivers Frederick
Manager, Supplier Diversity & Development, Entergy**

As manager of Supplier Diversity & Development, Rivers is responsible for the development and implementation of Entergy Corporation's Supplier Diversity strategy and leading Entergy's overall supplier diversity efforts including the Tier 2 and local initiative.



**Samata Shah
President, Kopri Promotions**

Samata Shah, a graphic artist, founded Kopri Promotions in Birmingham in May 1997. With a vast network of resources and a supplier base of over 10,000 manufacturers, Kopri offers a vast selection of unique promotional products.



**Scott A. Vowels, PhD
Author**

Scott A. Vowels, PhD is recognized as a leading expert in the field of Supplier Diversity and is a frequent speaker and panelist on industry issues. Early in his career, Vowels has over 20 years of procurement and 10 years of supplier diversity experience.



**Shannon Riley
President, One Stop Environmental**

Shannon Riley founded One Stop in 1999, specializing in facility O&M, remediation, hazardous waste transport and disposal, emergency response, asbestos, lead and mold abatement services.



**Stephanie Cain
CEO, CA-PAR Electric**

Stephanie Cain is the CEO of CA-PAR Electric, Inc. CA-PAR was founded in 1998 and located in Pearl River, LA, and is an electrical contractor specializing in the utility, power, and government industries.