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Team Clean Founder Donna Allie among Panelists for Big Thinking: The Moment for Entrepreneurship is Now, Hosted by Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Wed., April 28 at the Union League of Philadelphia

Philadelphia, PA – April 23, 2010 – **Donna Allie**, the award-winning entrepreneur and founder of Philadelphia's largest minority-owned business as well as the city's largest woman-owned business, **Team Clean, Inc.**, will be among the entrepreneurs speaking in the panel discussion, "*Big Thinking: The Moment for Entrepreneurship is Now*," hosted by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. The event will take place at The Union League of Philadelphia on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.



The panelists will discuss entrepreneurship in the Philadelphia-area, including an evaluation of public policies, an assessment of funding sources, and a candid conversation with local entrepreneurs on their challenges and successes. Sandra Shea, editorial page editor of the *Philadelphia Daily News*, will moderate the panel that also includes: Michael Heller, Chair of Cozen O'Connor's Business Law Department; Blake Jennelle, founder of Philly Startup Leaders; Dr. Stephen Tang, president & CEO of The University City Science Center; and Michael Worth, co-founder of VGI Philly and owner of Mike Worth Music, Inc.

Allie is the president and founder of **Team Clean**, a leading provider of janitorial services in the Greater Philadelphia region. **Allie** has a singular vision of building a successful business based within the City of Philadelphia includes providing meaningful employment for over 3,000 men and women, powered by her passion for providing a re-entry to the workforce for ex-offenders and the less fortunate, comes from her own unique and compelling experiences both as an individual and

as a business owner.

Allie launched the company in the mid-1980s as a solo entrepreneur, and what was founded on a shoe-string is now the *#1-ranked Minority-Owned Business in Philadelphia* and the *#1-ranked Woman-Owned Business* according to the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. **Team Clean** is certified as a women's business enterprise by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and as a minority enterprise by the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

Most recently, the Cradle of Liberty Council, Boy Scouts of America honored **Allie** for her contributions to our local community with the 2009 Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award. The award recognized her for the wide influence in the business and professional community and noted Allie as a "commendable role model for all young people."

In addition, **Allie** was recently selected as one of the inaugural award winners for *Minority Business Leaders* by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*. She has also received an award as one of the Philadelphia region's *2008 Women of Distinction* by the Philadelphia chapter of the *National Association of Women Business Owners* and the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

She is currently a board member of the Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation, and chairs the ex-offenders task force for the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board. Throughout the history of her company, **Allie** has remained committed to community service. She is an active board member of a number of non-profit organizations, including the African-American Chamber of Commerce, the Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board, and the Universal Charter School.

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