Our Mission

The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey, Inc. (AACCNJ) is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities and businesses through entrepreneurship and capitalistic initiatives throughout the State of New Jersey and through its partnership with the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (NBCC).

John E. Harmon, Sr.
President and CEO, AACCNJ

“As a people, history has consistently confirmed that when we are afforded equal access and the playing field is level, we not only exceed but elevate our standing.”

Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.

–Frederick Douglass

Hosea Johnson
Chairman of the Board, AACCNJ

“On a daily basis, the AACCNJ seeks to forge relationships with the public and private sectors of New Jersey to transform African American communities through strategies with economic objectives.”
**Why We Do This For Your Business**

Since African American consumers and businesses are often overlooked or marginalized, the AACCNJ serves as a mechanism for communication, program creation, and strategic implementation of resolutions that address the economic disparities of New Jersey's African American business enterprises.

**We provide:**

- A conduit to free enterprise activity for Women and Minority-owned businesses
- A platform to maximize competitiveness
- A resource in making your business visible in key regional markets, with a Pro-business agenda
- An open line of communication with suppliers to ensure Supply Chain Diversity
- Strategic planners that deliver measurable tools for your business to reach short and long-term goals
- A climate of growth and sustainability for African American business owners
- Program development promoting tourism and cultural diversity
- Human resource and recruitment services
- Workforce training with job-readiness programs
- Youth mentorship and entrepreneurial programs
- Assistance to underserved communities to tap into sustainable educational initiatives
- Support to various organizations with the intent of introducing or reforming educational and public policy affecting our communities

**Advocate for Public Policy**

- HUD Section 3
- Title VI
- Education Reform
- Job-creation

**Member Benefits**

- Access to Corporate and Federal Procurement opportunities
- Forums to promote your product, service or organization
- Market exposure
- Access to Training & Development Institute
- Access to requisite resources in all sectors of NJ's economy
- Networking opportunities
- Share your expertise as speaker, panelist, or moderator
- Discount for all AACCNJ events
- RFP Watch/ Diversity Recruitment Portals

**AACCNJ Major Events**

- Education Forums
- Monthly Networking Luncheons
- Annual Golf Classic
- Annual Business Leadership Conference
- Annual Corporate Awards Dinner
- Annual Circle of Achievement Awards Gala

**How To Join AACCNJ**

1. Complete and submit your membership application
2. Include Membership Payment
3. Schedule a one-on-one meeting with President and CEO John E. Harmon, Sr.

For Membership and Sponsorship opportunities, please contact African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

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**State and National Partnerships**

- American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)
- Federal, State, and Local Government Officials
- National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC)
- New Jersey Business Industry Association
- New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce
- Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of NJ (SHCC)
- United States Army
- United States Chamber of Commerce (USCC)

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**Educational Institutions**

- Bergen Community College
- Burlington County College
- Thomas Edison State College

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**Wine and Spirits**

“Thanks to the AACCNJ’s strategic influence and advocacy, my company is now able to legally distribute wine throughout the State of New Jersey.”

Selena Cuffe
Heritage Link Brands
Los Angeles, CA