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NABA, INC. KICKS OFF 40TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXPO WITH PUBLIC FORUM
Rosen Shingle Creek Resort – Wednesday, June 22, 2011 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

GREENBELT – JUNE 6, 2011 – The **Public Forum** is the official opening event for **NABA's 40th Annual National Convention & EXPO**, during which a panel of dynamic experts discuss an issue of great concern to our profession. Given NABA's mission and history, coupled with the alarming state of our economy, we feel an urgent need to address a public forum topic that not only impacts our members, but our entire community. As such, this year's topic is "**A Path Forward: Building Wealth and Financial Empowerment in the Black Community**". As our panelists reflect on wealth and financial empowerment in the Black Community, NABA's goal is to go beyond simply talking about the issues during the discussion, but to forge "A Path Forward" by proposing action items for our Convention participants. Confirmed panelists are: **Maggie Anderson**, Founder and CEO, **Empowerment Experiment**, **Kimberly Corbin**, President and CEO, **National Black MBA Association (NBMBA)**; **George Gilmer** – Managing Director, Chief Financial Officer, **Bank of New York Mellon**, Asset Servicing Sector, Global Markets & Global Client Management; **Marc Morial**, Chief Executive Officer, **National Urban League**; **Miguel C. Thames, CFA** - Managing Director and the Head of Institutional Sales and Client Relations, **Prudential Fixed Income Management (PFIM)**; and **Broderick Young**, Director of Development, **New York Life Insurance Company**.

With over 8,000 members, NABA, Inc. is the premier association for today's accounting, finance, and business professionals. NABA represents the interests of African-Americans and other professionals of color. The mission of NABA, Inc. is to address the professional needs of its members and to build leaders that shape the future of the accounting, finance, information technology, and business professions with an unfaltering commitment to inspire the same in their successors. NABA's overall objective is to create business leaders. Focusing on the essential skills for success, we offer unique value-added leadership training and professional development opportunities as well as venues for organizations and individuals to build new business.

Established in 1969 by nine African American accountants in New York City, the organization currently boasts more than 200 professional and student chapters across the country and partners with like-minded organizations nationally and internationally. For additional information about **NABA, Inc.** call **(301) 474-6222**, visit <http://Convention.NABAInc.org> or email communications@NABAInc.org. Follow NABA's social networks: [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [YouTube](#)

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