



March 16, 2020

Dear Members, Partners, Colleagues and Friends:

Due to the continued escalation of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), **ChicagoMSDC has rescheduled the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair (CBOF53)** that was formerly planned for April 8-9, 2020.

**NEW DATES: With the assistance from our host venue Navy Pier, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair is now scheduled for August 5-6, 2020.**

While these are unprecedented times, we are still very optimistic about the future! ChicagoMSDC will continue to comply with guidelines from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the Chicago Department of Public Health, State of Illinois Governor's Office and the City of Chicago Mayor's Office collectively to guide our decisions moving forward.

The CBOF53 Planning Committee is super excited to continue developing our first-class conference while safety remains paramount.

The Chicago Business Opportunity Fair [registration site](#) will remain open. Current registration fees will be honored and transferred to the new date. We ask for your patience as we make several changes to accommodate the new dates.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

**As of Monday, March 16, 2020, the ChicagoMSDC staff will work remotely and remain attentive to all calls and e-mails.** All offices managed by the ChicagoMSDC, including Northwest Indiana, MBDA Business Center –St. Louis, MBDA Business Center-Chicago, Export Center and Illinois Tollway Technical Center, are temporarily closed to the public until further notice.

On behalf of the ChicagoMSDC Board of Directors and Staff, we wish you all safe passage every day and hope you will take appropriate measures to protect your own health and that of your family and colleagues.

Additional updates are forthcoming. Thank you for your patience and continued support! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our office at 312-755-8880.

