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TradePoint Atlantic Announces Fall 2025 Empowerment Academy Cohort

Third Class of Entrepreneurs to Launch Innovation-Focused Curriculum

BALTIMORE, MD – TradePoint Atlantic, the Baltimore region’s premier global gateway for commerce and supply chain operations, is proud to announce the newest class of entrepreneurs selected for its Empowerment Academy. This fall, eleven small businesses will join the program, reflecting TradePoint Atlantic’s commitment to strengthening the local economy and supporting diverse business growth across the community.

Launched in Summer 2023 with its inaugural Fall 2023 cohort, the Empowerment Academy equips minority-, women-, and veteran-owned businesses with the tools, knowledge, and connections needed to thrive in today’s competitive marketplace. Over an intensive two-month curriculum, participants receive expert-led training in marketing, accounting, workforce development, and human resources, while also building valuable relationships through TradePoint Atlantic’s extensive network of clients and vendors.

“We are excited to announce this year’s cohort of business owners—individuals who applied or were nominated and are now accepted and enrolled in our Empowerment Academy,” said **Brian Bailey, Executive Director of the Empowerment Academy**. “Our curriculum reflects TradePoint Atlantic’s commitment to advancing economic diversity and small business growth across Maryland. This year’s class brings together both entrepreneurial vision and seasoned business experience, the combination our economy needs to continue driving innovation and growth.”

“This program doesn’t just educate—it invests in Maryland small business owners,” said **Jayson Williams, CEO of Mayson-Dixon Companies and Empowerment Academy Manager**. “Through a personalized curriculum, the Empowerment Academy equips businesses with the knowledge and resources they need to thrive, while also giving them a space to partner with each other and leaders in the industry.”

The Fall 2025 cohort represents a diverse group of businesses spanning industries such as construction,

consulting, real estate, marine services, utilities, and facility support. The class features minority-, women-, and veteran-owned enterprises that strengthen Maryland's economy and community. Some companies trace their roots back to the 1970s, while others are emerging ventures launched in the 2020s—together blending legacy expertise with fresh entrepreneurial energy.

The following businesses comprise the Fall 2025 class of the Tradepoint Atlantic Empowerment Academy, beginning on Friday, September 12th.

- Brewington Management Company
- Compliance Construction & Remediation, Inc.
- DrewJenk Consulting
- Huffstead Management
- Island Breeze Marine, Inc.
- Jackson and Tull
- Jay Leon Enterprise
- Paniagua's Enterprises, Inc.
- Supreme Utility Contractors LLC
- THG Companies
- Top Notch Welding Services

For additional information on the Empowerment Academy and for small business owners interested in applying for a future cohort, visit www.tpaempowermentacademy.com or contact Brian S. Bailey, Executive Director, at bbailey@tradepointatlantic.com or (443) 649-5053.

About Tradepoint Atlantic: The 3,300-acre multimodal logistics and industrial center in Baltimore, MD, offers a gateway to U.S. domestic and global markets, featuring an unmatched combination of access to deep water berths, rail, and highways. At Tradepoint Atlantic, industry is set in motion with the financial backing of Redwood Holdings, as well as the robust support of local and state government which enables the redevelopment of the former Sparrows Point steel mill site. From here, world-class companies unleash their potential, jobs are created, communities prosper, and industry is set in motion. For more information visit www.tradepointatlantic.com.

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