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Strong Leadership Continues to Guide MBA

In the last 2009 issue of *The Accelerator*, the Minority Business Accelerator officially said goodbye to several of our long-time Leadership Council members and welcome a few new faces.



A special thank you goes to Jack Cassidy, president of Cincinnati Bell, who is stepping down as Chair of the Leadership Council. He served as chair of the Leadership Council for three years and provided invaluable leadership as the MBA grew its portfolio and corporate goal setters. He will remain on the council as a member. Cassidy will be succeeded by Pete Strange, Chairman of Messer Construction Co., who will assume his position as chair of the Leadership Council in January of 2010.

Farewell to:

Tom Cody, Macy's

Tom Cody, heralded as one of the leaders of the CAN commission which inspired the Minority Business Accelerator, will be retiring from Macy's effective March 31, 2010. He is one of the Leadership Council's longest standing members and his leadership will be sorely missed. We wish him well on his retirement.

Carver Johnson, The Kroger Co.

Carver Johnson has served on the Leadership Council since 2006.

Jim Schwab, U.S. Bank

Jim Schwab joined the Leadership Council in 2007.

Jim Wiseman, Toyota

Jim Wiseman has represented the only Kentucky-based company on our Leadership Council and has provided great insight for the committee over the past few years. With increasing business travel, he is passing the reins to Chris Nielsen to continue guiding the work of the MBA.