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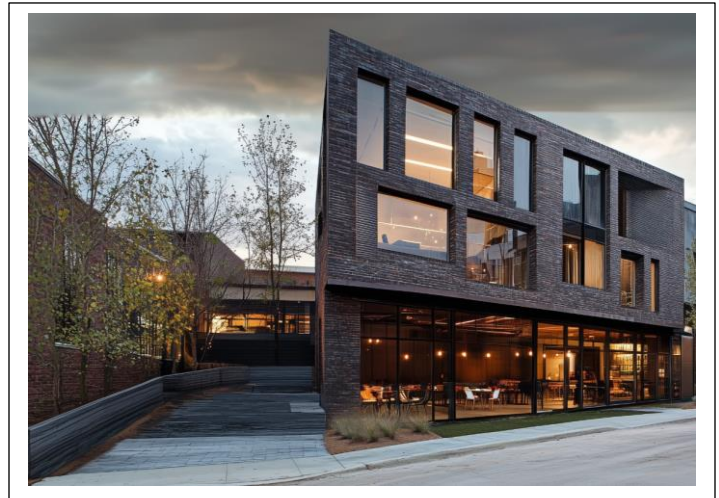
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Atlanta Business League Receives \$1 Million Grant from The Delta Air Lines Foundation for the Tradition & Vision Capital Campaign

The Atlanta Business League (ABL) is proud to announce a transformational **\$1 million grant from The Delta Air Lines Foundation** in support of the ABL **Tradition & Vision Capital Campaign**. This major investment accelerates the League’s long-term mission to strengthen entrepreneurship, expand economic mobility, and preserve metro Atlanta’s historic business legacy.

“We are deeply grateful for this extraordinary commitment from The Delta Air Lines Foundation,” said **Shirley Franklin**, former Mayor of the City of Atlanta and Chair of the ABL Tradition & Vision Capital Campaign. “This gift propels us forward and ensures the ABL can continue to serve as a powerful force for economic advancement and community empowerment for generations to come.”

The Tradition & Vision Capital Campaign features four core components designed to expand ABL’s reach and impact:

- **Expansion of Entrepreneurial Training & Workforce Development**
- **Modernization of ABL Headquarters & Technology Infrastructure**
- **The Ashby Street Theater Restoration & Cultural Activation Initiative**
- **Preservation of ABL’s Historical Archives & Legacy Programs**

The renovation and modernization of ABL’s headquarters will provide **state-of-the-art training spaces, technology-enabled classrooms, and collaborative work environments**, allowing the organization to serve more entrepreneurs and students each year. Updated infrastructure will also enhance operational efficiency, expand virtual learning capabilities, and position the ABL as a premier hub for business development across the region.

“These initiatives will provide direct benefits to small business owners, young leaders, and communities throughout Atlanta,” said **Leona Barr-Davenport**, President & CEO of the Atlanta Business League. “The

Delta Air Lines Foundation’s investment in the early stages of the campaign will serve as a catalyst for others and build momentum in the commitment to inclusive economic growth.”

Tad Hutcherson, Senior Vice President of The Delta Air Lines Foundation, added: “The Delta Air Lines Foundation is honored to support the Atlanta Business League’s visionary work. The Tradition & Vision Capital Campaign is strengthening the ecosystem for entrepreneurs and revitalizing cultural and community assets like the Ashby Street Theater. We are proud to invest in the future of metro Atlanta and the communities we serve.”

The Delta Air Lines Foundation’s grant will empower ABL to broaden its business development services, strengthen leadership initiatives, safeguard vital historical resources, and revitalize its headquarters with modern upgrades. It will also enable the restoration of the historic Ashby Street Theater, transforming it into a vibrant center for entrepreneurial training, community gatherings, and cultural arts. **This transformative investment not only secures the future of the Atlanta Business League but ignites opportunity, empowers entrepreneurs, and strengthens the economic and cultural foundation of Metro Atlanta for generations to come. It is a bold step toward a more inclusive, prosperous, and equitable region. More information about the ABL Tradition & Vision Capital Campaign is available at www.atlantabusinessleague.org.**

About the Atlanta Business League

Founded in 1933, the Atlanta Business League is one of the nation’s oldest organizations of its kind, dedicated to fostering the growth, success, and sustainability of businesses and professionals. Through advocacy, education, business development, and community engagement, ABL strengthens the economic fabric of Metro Atlanta. **This historic grant from The Delta Air Lines Foundation underscores ABL’s mission to create lasting impact, preserve legacy, and build a thriving future for businesses and communities.**

Leona Barr-Davenport is available for interviews upon request.