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## OAPIA Update

### *News Updates from the DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs*

**Dear Community Members,**

Although July is coming to an end, the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) is still working in concurrence with the Mayor's larger initiatives to extend quality services to all of our residents. Some of the work over these past weeks include outreach activities with the Department of Consumer Regulatory Agency as a part of the Citywide Business Compliance Initiative and case assistance for our walk-in constituents.



I would also like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce one of Mayor Gray's new projects: ExportDC. In partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Department of Commerce, ExportDC represents an effort of the administration to offer local businesses the opportunity to expand their markets abroad. For qualifying businesses, funds are available to support approved activities across the export marketing life cycle. ExportDC serves as an example of our commitment in building strong relationships between our cities diverse community and the rest of the world.

In addition our office is currently working closely with the D.C. Department of Small & Local Business Development to brainstorm ideas to reach export-ready businesses within the AAPI community. Business owners that are interested should stay tuned for more information and announcements.

For other important updates, please continue to visit our website! As always, it is an absolute pleasure and honor to serve our community.

Warm Regards,

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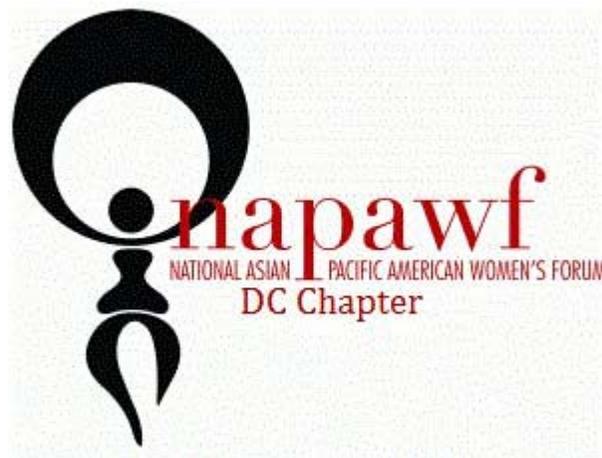
FY2013 Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Grant



The Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hosted a Pre-Bidders meeting on July 18, 2012 to answer questions about the FY2013 Asian American and Pacific Islander Community Grant. Over twenty potential applicants attended the session.

For more information about the grant, please visit [here](#)

Spotlight: National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum - DC Chapter



The Washington, DC Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF-DC) strives to create a community of API women leaders working to educate and advocate for their social and economic justice, emphasizing a local angle on national issues.

For more information, please visit [here](#).

## DC Mayor's Commission on APIA Community Development

The DC Commission on APIA Community Development usually convenes monthly meetings to discuss current issues affecting the DC AAPI community.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 @ 6:30 pm at the OAPIA office located at 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 721N, Washington, DC 20001.

All commission meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions about the commission or its meetings, please contact [oapia@dc.gov](mailto:oapia@dc.gov).

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