



# Newsletter

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### ABOUT EBA

Established in 1988

Full Service Design Firm

Located in Downtown  
Silver Spring, MD

LEED Accredited  
Professionals on Staff

U.S. Small Business  
Administration—Small  
Minority-Owned  
Disadvantaged Business

MDOT—Minority Business  
Enterprise, Disadvantaged  
Business Enterprise

SWaM Certified Small  
Business

Montgomery County—  
Local Small Business.

Prince George's County  
Minority Business  
Enterprise

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### New North Chicago Community Living Center



Left to Right: Ernest Bland, Dr. Jan Clarke  
- Lovell FHCC Chief of Geriatrics, Mr.  
Patrick Sullivan - Lovell FHCC Director

The Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center celebrated the grand opening of their newly renovated Community Living Center (CLC) in North Chicago, Illinois this year. This renovation is a move from nursing home style care to the Community Living philosophy recently adopted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Community Living focuses on resident-centered care which creates a sense of “home” rather than an institutional facility space. The CLC is designed to provide the resident a sense of importance, empowerment, and control while providing an optimum environment for treatment and care. EBA developed the VA's CLC Design Guide and has experience specific to CLC design needs; all of which are included in the planning, A/E design, and construction administration.



### EBA Voted Among Top 30 Businesses in Maryland



EBA was recently selected as a recipient of the 5th Annual Politics and Business “Exceptional 53 Businesses” Award. This honor is awarded to the top 53 businesses and organizations in the State of Maryland based on noteworthy product or service innovations, community service efforts, and being a “good place to work”. The awards ceremony was held on Thursday, October 25th, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, MD where Carla Billingslea, accompanied by Vanessa Zawodny, accepted the award for EBA. EBA Ernest Bland Associates, P.C., ranked 29th of 53 in the state, and was profiled in a special section of the Gazette of Politics and Business on Friday, October 26th, 2012.

### EBA Makes A-List



Steve Silverman, the Director for the Montgomery County Department of Economic Development recently featured EBA, among other businesses, as an A-List Business for Montgomery County. This award acknowledges Montgomery County businesses and business leaders who have garnered special recognition this year for their fast growth, good work, and/or for creating a sought-after business environment for their employees.





## DONATION TO THOSE IN NEED



This year EBA made a donation of sheets and comforters to **A Wider Circle**, which is a local charity established to provide basic need items to families transitioning out of shelters or in need of necessities. A Wider Circle is a small, acclaimed non-profit organization that focuses on giving families the tools required to “lift themselves out of poverty”. This includes donations of life necessities as well as training and educational workshops aimed at teaching children and adults the necessary skills to find and keep a job and maintain well being. Incidentally, A Wider Circle was also recognized as one of the Gazette of Politics and Business Fifth Annual Exceptional 53 Businesses.

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2012



This year, EBA employees enjoyed a holiday luncheon together at **Ruth's Chris Steakhouse** in Bethesda, MD. The holiday luncheon gives EBA employees a chance to kick back, and enjoy each other's company outside of work amidst selections of great food and beverage. After a toast honoring EBA and staff, everyone shared their experiences working at EBA. This year's celebration included a White Elephant Gift Exchange game. EBA occupied a private room for the occasion, and was able to enjoy music and a slide presentation of the past year's activities and work efforts in advance of the New Year ahead. This is the fourth time EBA has held the luncheon at Ruth's Chris; We must really like it!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM EBA!**

**EBA is turning 25 this year.  
Stay tuned for upcoming events!**

**We're excited!**

