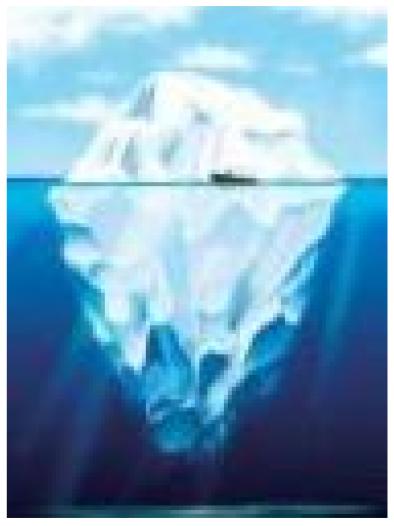
# Diversity –Does it Really Matter Mid Western Actuarial Forum

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#### Diversity –Does it Really Matter Agenda

• What do you see?



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#### Diversity –Does it Really Matter Agenda

- Diversity Defined
- Business Imperative
- Framework for Action
- IABA Example

## **Diversity -Does it Really Matter:** What is Diversity?

- Mixture of people with a variety of abilities, skills, experiences and cultural background .....
- Primary
  - Age, Gender, Physical Appearance (eg weight, height)
  - Race/Ethnicity, Language, Sexual Orientation
- Secondary
  - Class/Income, Thinking Style, Abilities, Education
  - Traditions, Religion, Politics, Contemporary etc.
  - -- Lifestyle, ...

#### **Diversity -Does it Really Matter:** Business Imperative Defined

#### Generate or maintain a competitive advantage

- Bottom line Business Survival
- Competitive advantage
  - Ability to "pre-spond" and service a changing customer base
  - Capacity to innovate
  - Vision expansion
- Recruitment
  - Hire, Engage, Retain and Mentor

## Blind Spots

#### **Diversity – Does it Really Matter:** Business Imperative – Changing Demographics

- Demographic trends will impact:
- Consumers
- Buying Power
- Workforce



#### **Diversity does it Really Matter:** Business Imperative – Changing Demographics Examples

#### Women in Business 2008-2009

- 10.1 million US firms,
- Employ 13 million people; generate 1.9 trillion in sales

# Women of Color

- 1.9 million U.S. firms majority owned
  - Employ 1.2 million people; \$1.65 billion in revenue annually,

## Hispanic/Latino

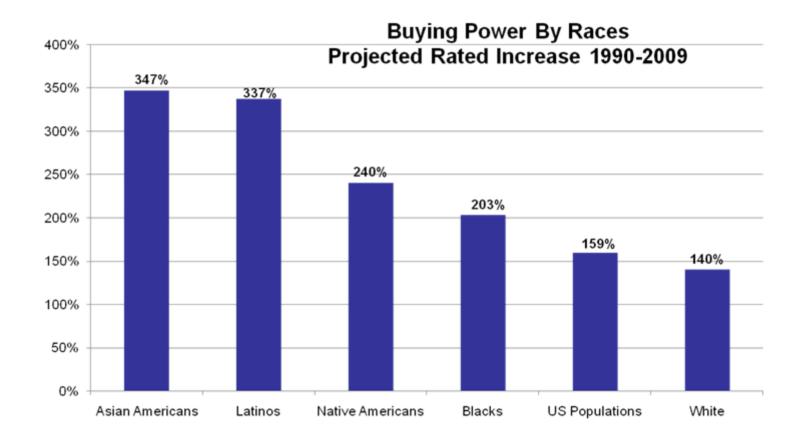
- Own 2.5 million business in the U.S.
  - Generate \$400 billion in revenues
    - Largest percentage, 7%, of any minority group
    - Fastest growing minority group

Source: Knowledge@Wharton, 2007; Conference Board; Securities and Financial Mgmt Assoc.; Towers Perrin; DiversityInc; http://www.womensbusinessresearch.org/facts/index.php

#### **Diversity-Does it Really Matter:** Business Imperative – Consumer Buying Power

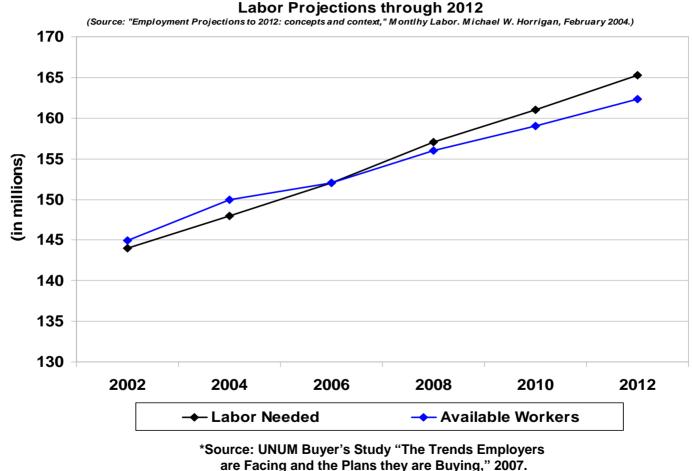
- Hispanic/Latino \$992 billion
- African-American \$965 billion
- GLBT \$690 Billion and at \$835 billion by 2011
- Asian \$528 billion

#### **Diversity-Does it Really Matter:** Business Imperative – Buying Power of Races



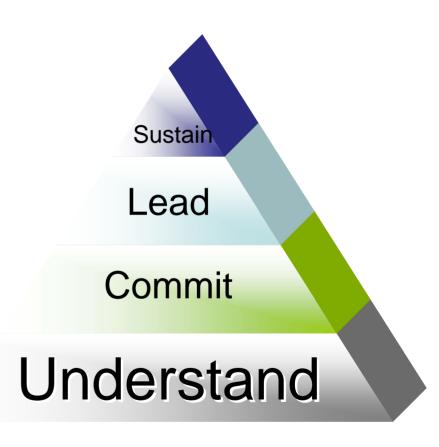
\*Source: University of Georgia's Selig Center for Economic Growth

#### **Diversity-Does it Really Matter:** Business Imperative – Talent Labor Gap



#### **Diversity Does it Really Matter:** Framework for Action

- Understand
  - Communicate & educate using common language
  - Engage to build a foundation
- Commit
  - Take action on learning
  - Embed D&I processes
- Lead
  - Walk the talk
  - Build into business initiative
- Sustain
  - Assess & reassess to maintain competitive advantage



#### **Diversity, Does it Really Matter:** Framework for Action – Look in the Mirror

- Current State
  - Strengths
- Need
  - Opportunities
- Future State
  - Understanding
  - Commitment
  - Biases



#### **Diversity-Does it Really Matter:** Framework for Action – Look Beyond the Mirror

- Vision
- Strategy
  - Internal
  - External
- Action Plan
  - workforce
  - workplace
  - marketplace
  - community
  - suppliers



#### **Diversity – Does it Really Matter** Framework for Action – Diversity & Inclusion Best Practices

- Senior Leadership Commitment
- Diversity Training
- Academic Outreach
- Leverage Employee Networks
- Philanthropic Giving
- Multicultural Media
- Strong website communications
- Employee Survey
- Mentor Program
- Supplier Diversity
- Representative Workforce

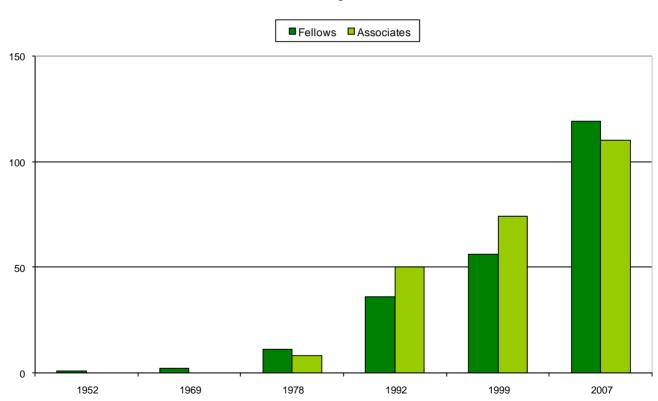


#### **Recruiting for Diversity Example: IABA**

#### **Diversity-Does it Really Matter:** Impact



#### Exponential growth



Black Actuarial Designations since 1952

#### Diversity, Does it Really Matter: Look in the mirror



- Black actuaries represent less than 1% of the profession
- Actuarial African-American firsts
  - 1952 Robert J. Randall Sr., FSA
  - 1978 Marsha M. Bera-Morris, FSA
  - 1984 Ollie Sherman, FCAS
  - 1988 Linda Shepherd, FCAS
  - 1992 Thirty fully designated actuaries
  - 1992 Inaugural meeting in Washington, DC.

#### **Diversity-Does it Really Matter:** Look beyond the mirror



		Society of Actuaries		Casualty Actuarial Society		Total	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Fellows	Worldwide	12,560	100.0%	3,269	100.0%	15,829	100.0%
	IABA Database	97	o.8%	26	0.8%	123	o.8%
Associates	Worldwide	8,455	100.0%	1,549	100.0%	10,004	100.0%
	IABA Database	123	1.5%	23	1.5%	146	1.5%
Total	Worldwide	21,015	100.0%	4,818	100.0%	25,833	100.0%
	IABA Database	220	1.0%	49	1.0%	269	1.0%

\* SOA as of July 1, 2009; CAS as of Nov 17, 2008; LABA Database as of July 21,2009

#### Recruiting For Diversity: Look beyond the mirror



#### VISION

To be the world's leading actuarial organization dedicated to influencing diversity by developing and recognizing the achievement of black actuaries

#### MISSION

IABA is a professional and student member organization whose mission is to contribute to an increase in the number of black actuaries.

## Recruiting for Diversity: IABA Strategy



- Encourage Excellence
  - Mentor (Professional networking and relationship building)
  - Inform (High School, College/University, Exam support)
  - Elevate (Recognition and Scholarships)
- Each One Reach One
  - Credentialed and aspiring actuaries from all practice areas
  - Counselors, educators, staffing professionals, and students
  - U.S., Caribbean countries, Africa, Canada and Europe
- Synergistic Alliances
  - -Joint CAS/SOA Committee on Actuarial Diversity
  - -Firms, academic institutions and associations

### **Recruiting For Diversity:** Tactics

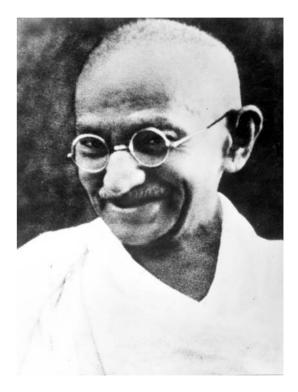


- Access
- Annual Meeting
- City affiliates
- Corporate Advisory Council
- Outreach
- Resource
  - Web site : www.blackactuaries.org
  - Newsletter: The Voice of IABA

#### **Recruiting For Diversity:** Keys

- Look in the mirror
- Look beyond the mirror
- Get Ready
- Go, Reassess, and Grow

## "Be the change you want to see in the world" Ghandi



#### **Recruiting For Diversity**

# **THANK YOU!**