

# 2009 Out & Equal Workplace Summit

October 6-9 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, FL



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## 2009 SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS

### WORKSHOPS

Take part in more than 80 innovative workshops and panels, which are the heart of the Summit's

## Highest-ranking LGBT White House official joins 2009 Out & Equal Workplace Summit as a keynote



You won't want to miss [John Berry](#)—the highest-ranking openly gay person in President Barack Obama's administration—deliver his inspirational keynote speech during the 2009 Out & Equal Workplace Summit, the world's premier conference on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender workplace equality.

Berry was the driving force behind President Obama's decision to extend limited domestic partnership benefits to LGBT federal employees, a move he calls "the first step, not the final step" in the federal government's stride toward workplace equality. At a Pride rally in Washington D.C. earlier this month, he reiterated the administration's support for passage of Hate Crimes legislation, a fully inclusive Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act.

success, and are led by a corps of expert presenters, panelists and facilitators.

### **SPEAKERS**

Don't miss our series of motivational speakers, who are national leaders in workplace diversity issues, policies and more.

### **WORKPLACE AWARDS**

Celebrate the Out & Equal Workplace Awards — "The Outies" — that recognize those who are leaders in advancing equality for LGBT employees.

### **LEADERSHIP SEMINARS**

Participate in one of several daylong seminars that are designed to give you the tools you need to become a workplace equality leader.

### **LUNCHEONS**

Build valuable connections during our luncheons, while learning from leading professionals about a wide range of workplace diversity issues.

### **RECEPTIONS**

Network with other participants from top national and international businesses during our networking receptions.

### **SUMMIT SPONSORS**

Become a vital part of the 2009 Summit by becoming a sponsor.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Be a part of an amazing team of dedicated volunteers, who help make the Summit a

"Everyone should take part in this opportunity to hear directly from someone who is helping shape LGBT history," Out & Equal Executive Director Selisse Berry says. "He is actively working to secure equal rights not only for federal employees, but for all of us by inspiring change and being a catalyst for equality."

John Berry will deliver his keynote address during the Summit's Friday afternoon plenary, which is one of several inspiring plenary sessions during the Summit—October 6-9 in Orlando, FL—that will feature some of the world's most influential business leaders.

He has a long track record of success, including leading the National Zoo in Washington D.C. from 2005 to 2009, where he developed long-range strategic plans and \$100 million in renovations that are still in effect. In addition, he has extensive experience on Capitol Hill, serving for nearly a decade on Representative Steny Hoyer's staff, where he played a key role in developing the federal employee locality pay system that remains in use today.

He also served as assistant secretary for policy, management and budget at the Department of the Interior. As assistant secretary, he successfully launched a presidential Initiative called "Lands Legacy," created the Department of the Interior University for employee and manager training, enhanced working conditions, rehabilitated Interior's budgetary position and improved diversity in every bureau of the department.

John Berry joins a growing list of highly-accomplished speakers, including [Sharon L. Allen](#), chair of Deloitte LLP and one of the most influential business women in the world, who are helping shape this year's Summit into the best yet. You won't want to miss your chance to experience the Summit, from Tuesday's full day leadership seminars through Friday's closing plenary.

In addition to the plenary sessions, the Summit offers a rich series of opportunities for you and your colleagues, and the chance to showcase your company as an organization that values LGBT workplace equality.

Share best practices from your workplace or collaborate with colleagues from other organizations to teach one another the approaches that make your companies among the most progressive.

Network at interest-specific receptions, luncheons and during the evening Gala, where we will present the 2009 Out & Equal Workplace Awards, the "Outies," to this year's exemplary individuals and organizations.

Learn more about the [Business Case](#) for attending the 2009 Workplace Summit and join us in shaping the future of LGBT workplace equality.

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## Summit schedule

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009**

8:00AM–9:00AM    Breakfast

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9:00AM–12:00PM	Leadership Seminars
12:00PM–1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM–5:00PM	Leadership Seminars
6:00PM–8:00PM	Welcome Reception

**Wednesday, October 7, 2009**

8:00AM–10:00AM	Breakfast & Plenary I
10:30AM–12:00PM	Session 1
12:30PM– 2:00PM	Ticketed Luncheons
2:30PM– 4:00PM	Session 2
4:30PM– 7:00PM	Networking Receptions
8:00PM–10:30PM	Out & Equal Night Out

**Thursday, October 8, 2009**

8:00AM– 9:30AM	Breakfast & Plenary II
10:00AM–12:30PM	Session 3 (Intensive)
1:00PM–2:00PM	Ticketed Luncheons
2:30PM–4:00PM	Session 4
6:30PM–7:30PM	Awards Reception
7:30PM–10:00PM	Awards Dinner

**Friday, October 9, 2009**

9:00AM–10:30AM	Session 5
11:00AM–12:30PM	Session 6
1:00PM– 3:00PM	Lunch & Plenary III

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