


GMSDC

Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council

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EVENTS

June 14th

 MBE Input Committee Stone
Mountain Boat Ride

July 10th

Business Opportunity Luncheon

September 11th

Business Opportunity Luncheon

September 24th

 MBE Input Committee Regional
Conference

ONGOING

1st Tuesdays held at GMSDC office

 Learn more about the council and the
membership benefits May 1, June 4,
July 3, August 7, September 4

GMSDC, The Resource for Linking Committed Corporations and Pro- gressive Minority Suppliers

- Certification of qualified Minority Business Enterprises
- Corporate Program Measurement and Best Practices
- Networking
- Development and Training

For more information on minority certification or corporate membership, call us at 404.589.4929.

GMSDC is a not-for-profit organization that links corporate America and minority-owned enterprises in long-term business partnerships. GMSDC trains, educates, and sensitizes corporations about the economic benefits of using certified minority businesses, and works to better equip certified minority businesses to compete for contracts. GMSDC is a regional affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

2007 AWARD WINNERS

 Leading Minority Business Resource Applauds Georgia's
Business Community for Excellence in Diversity

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Minority business owners, corporations and leaders in minority procurement shared the spotlight as they competed for a range of honors presented by The Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council (GMSDC) during its annual "Spirit of Alliance Awards" ceremony, part of the three-day Business Opportunity EXPO 2007 "Linking, Leveraging and Empowering through Diversity."

Every winner walked away with the prestigious award "for actions that epitomize commitment to excellence in the supplier diversity arena" exclaimed GMSDC President and CEO, George Lottier.

The Advocate of the Year and the Crystal Award categories both had two winners. We applaud each and everyone for a job well done.

The awards recognize the most effective corporate buyers in five specific industry groups: The strongest advocate for minority business development; a corporate or government member who best demonstrates a public obligation to minority business development; four preeminent minority suppliers; the most devoted executives among GMSDC corporate members; and the most exceptional corporation in supplier diversity and development.

Vince Bailey of Vince Bailey Productions was the Master of Ceremonies, and Ira Jackson, President of Perfect Image printing company, was the announcer.

Major corporate sponsors of the three-day event included: The Home Depot; Georgia Power, A Southern Company; AT & T; UPS; The Coca-Cola Company; AGL Resources; Delta Air Lines Inc.; Turner Broadcasting System Inc.; Verizon; Bank of America; Cox Communications Inc.; Cox Enterprises Inc.; Georgia-Pacific LLC; Lockheed Martin; ASC; AFLAC; Wachovia; Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.; Spherion; SunTrust Bank; Johnson Controls; Office Depot; Hyundai Motor Manufacturing; Procter & Gamble; Scientific Atlanta; A Cisco Company; Honda North America; The Compass Group.



Corporation of the Year

UPS

Executive of the Year

 James Mallard, Vice President,
UPS Procurement Services

Advocate of the Year

 Michelle Johnson and Tyra Paytes
The Home Depot
SunTrust Bank

IT Buyer of the Year

 Sherrie Jenkins
SunTrust Bank

Professional Services Buyer of the Year

 Jackie Hall
State Farm Insurance Company

Real Estate & Facilities Services Buyer of the Year

 Chuck Alexander
Wachovia Bank

Staffing Buyer of the Year

 Sandy Webb
AT&T

Transportation Buyer of the Year

 Emily Blair Steakley,
UPS Supply Chain Services

Crystal Award

UPS & The Home Depot

Eagle Award

Road 1 Express Inc.

Supplier of the Year, Class I

CV Installations & Ergonomics

Supplier of the Year, Class II

Syntellus Dataworks

Supplier of the Year, Class III

TDC Systems Integrations

Supplier of the Year, Class IV

Zones Inc.