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## **Night at the Oscars Awards Gala Recognizes the Best in Northern California Supplier Diversity**

*Non-profit announced minority business and corporate award winners at its 32nd Annual Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards Gala on March 19, 2010 at the Westin St. Francis*

**OAKLAND, Calif., March 29** -- The Northern California Minority Supplier Development Council, a local non-profit dedicated to promoting minority supplier development, proudly recognized the recipients of its twelve 2009 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards before an audience of over 350 distinguished guests from major Fortune 500 corporations, Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and strategic alliance partners. Special award presenters and honorary speakers included executives from Union Bank, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Kaiser Permanente, and D.W. Morgan, as well as the Senior Associate Dean of UCLA Anderson.

Over sixty corporate members and certified MBEs competed in the 2009 NCMSDC Awards Program. With the exception of the President's Award and the MBE Input Committee Academy Award, all categories were judged by an Awards Committee comprised of corporate members and certified MBEs.

### **2009 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Award Winners**

#### **Corporation of the Year**

*Category 1 Winner: Union Bank*

*Category 2 Winner: Kaiser Permanente*

**Executive of the Year: Desmond A. Bell**, Senior Vice President, Shared Services and Chief Procurement Officer, Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

**President's Award: Chevron Corporation**

**MBE Input Committee Academy Award: Cisco Systems, Inc.**

**Sourcing Manager of the Year: Prem Chhabria**, Strategic Sourcing Manager, Chevron Corporation

**Corporate Buyer of the Year: Michelle Nishikubo**, Procurement Specialist, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

**Corporate Coordinator of the Year: Kathleen Trimble**, Director, Office of Diversity, Robert Half International

#### **Supplier of the Year**

*Class 1 Winner (Annual sales of less than \$1M): V.S. Supply Company*

*Class 2 Winner (Annual sales from \$1M-10M): ICE Safety Solutions*

*Class 3 Winner (Annual sales from \$10M-\$50M): Akraya, Inc.*

*Class 4 Winner (Annual sales greater than \$50M): Rose International*

All award statues were donated by certified MBE Way To Be Designs.



**About the Northern California Minority Supplier Development Council:**

Founded in 1978, the Northern California Minority Supplier Development Council (NCMSDC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting minority supplier development in the workplace. NCMSDC's mission is to provide MBEs in Northern California and Hawaii with nationally-recognized certification and to connect corporate members with NCMSDC-certified minority suppliers. Please visit us online at [www.ncmsdc.org](http://www.ncmsdc.org).

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