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Glitz & Glam Awards Gala Celebrates Eleven Supplier Diversity Champions and Minority Businesses in Northern California and Hawaii

OAKLAND, Calif., April 12 -- The Northern California Minority Supplier Development Council (NCMSDC), a local non-profit dedicated to promoting minority supplier development, announced the winners of its 2011 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards at its 34th Annual Gala on April 6 in San Francisco. Present to celebrate the eleven award winners were over 370 guests from major Fortune 500 corporations, Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and strategic alliance partners.

In recognition of this year's award winners, NCMSDC President Scott A. Vowels commented, "In these challenging economic times, the inclusion of minority businesses in the procurement process demonstrates an enduring commitment to diversity and community development. Such commitment only comes with top-down support and genuine corporate stewardship. I commend the eleven winners of NCMSDC's 2011 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards for their ongoing leadership."

Over thirty Corporate Members and certified MBEs competed for eleven distinguished awards. A list of 2011 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Award winners follows:

Corporation of the Year: Awarded to a Corporate Member that has been actively engaged with NCMSDC and certified MBEs and consistently demonstrated commitment to minority business development and inclusion through its minority purchases, technical and managerial assistance, and/or sponsorships to minority firms and programs. Tiers are based on reported annual revenue and size.

2011 Tier 1 Winner: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

2011 Tier 2 Winner: Robert Half International

Executive of the Year: Awarded to a CEO, President, or Senior Level Executive of a corporation or government entity. The criteria include evidence of support of a corporate-wide minority business development program through an executive directive and/or policy statement, company participation with NMSDC or NCMSDC, and executive support of NCMSDC through workshops, events, and/or conferences. Executive applicants must not be working within their corporation's Supplier Diversity program.

2011 Winner: Kent Harvey, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Supplier Diversity Leader of the Year: Awarded to a Supplier Diversity professional who has made a significant impact on the development of corporate Supplier Diversity operations, promoted diversity in the supplier chain, and demonstrated a history of involvement with NCMSDC and certified MBEs.

2011 Winner: Sally Saba, Executive Director, National Supplier Diversity, Kaiser Permanente

MBE Choice Award: Awarded to a Corporate Member that has demonstrated commitment to minority business enterprises through aggressive programs and the perpetuation of procurement opportunities for minority suppliers. The winner of this award is chosen by the MBE community for industry leadership in Supplier Diversity.

2011 Winner: AT&T

Sourcing Manager of the Year: Awarded to a corporate sourcing manager or purchasing manager who is a champion of minority supplier inclusion within his/her company. Sourcing managers are responsible for planning and negotiating longer-term contracts and work with cross-functional teams and suppliers to develop and manage cost reduction programs, new product introduction, and sourcing alternatives.

2011 Winner: Edward Mosley, Program Director, External Human Services, Procurement and Supply, Kaiser Permanente

Corporate Buyer of the Year: Awarded to a corporate buyer or procurement specialist who is a champion of minority supplier inclusion in the procurement process within his/her company. Corporate buyers are responsible for the creation of purchase orders, spot buys, and issuing procurement instruments typically less than a year in term.

2011 Winner: Nick Leles, Director of Distribution System, Logistics and Procurement, San Jose Water Company

Supplier of the Year: Awarded to a certified Minority-owned Business Enterprise (MBE) in each Class that has demonstrated excellence in its products, services, growth in sales, job creation, community giveback, MBE-to-MBE spend, and Council involvement.

2011 Class 1 Winner (Annual sales less than \$1M): **Anthony M. Payne Real Estate**

2011 Class 2 Winner (Annual sales from \$1M-\$10M): **Mosaic Global Transportation**

2011 Class 3 Winner (Annual sales from \$10M-\$50M): **OneSource Supply Solutions, LLC**

2011 Class 4 Winner (Annual sales greater than \$50M): **World Wide Technology, Inc.**

About the Northern California Minority Supplier Development Council:

The Northern California Minority Supplier Development Council (NCMSDC) promotes minority participation in the procurement process to create economic wealth in minority business communities in Northern California, Hawaii, and the nation. We provide the only nationally-recognized Ethnic Minority Business Certification in Northern California and Hawaii and connect certified Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) with NCMSDC Corporate Members, including many of America's largest publicly-owned, privately-owned, and foreign-owned companies, as well as universities, hospitals, and other buying institutions. Please visit us online at www.ncmsdc.org.

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