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**Grand Gala: Fashion & Awards After Dark
Recognizes Eleven Supplier Diversity Champions & Minority Businesses**

OAKLAND, Calif., May 6 -- The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC), a local non-profit dedicated to promoting minority supplier development in Northern California, Nevada, and Hawai'i, announced the winners of its Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards at its 36th Annual Gala on April 25, 2014 at The Westin St. Francis in San Francisco. Present to celebrate the eleven award winners were over 300 guests from major Fortune 500 corporations, Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and strategic alliance partners.

Corporate Members and certified MBE applicants competed for eleven distinguished awards celebrating individual and corporate achievements in the calendar year 2013. A list of Excellence in Supplier Diversity Award winners follows:

Corporation of the Year: Kaiser Permanente

Utility Corporation of the Year: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Executive of the Year: Skip Skivington, Kaiser Permanente

Supplier Diversity Leader of the Year: Charleen Hamel, Brocade

MBE Choice Award: Apple Inc.

Sourcing Manager of the Year: Jeff Bennett, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Corporate Buyer of the Year: Lindsey Goularte, Robert Half

Supplier of the Year

Class 1 Winner (Annual sales less than \$1M): **Enterprise Publishing Inc. dba MBE Magazine**

Class 2 Winner (Annual sales from \$1M-\$10M): **D and B Painting Company, Inc.**

Class 3 Winner (Annual sales from \$10M-\$50M): **Q Analysts, LLC**

Class 4 Winner (Annual sales greater than \$50M): **ATR International, Inc.**

About the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council:

The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC) promotes minority participation in the procurement process to create economic wealth in minority business communities in Northern California, Nevada, Hawai'i, and the nation. Please visit us online at www.wrmsdc.org.

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