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**MBDA Announces 2011 Regional Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards**

*Winners will become candidates for National Minority Business of the Year Award*

Washington (August 22, 2011) – The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) today proudly announced the recipients of the 2011 Regional Minority Enterprise Development Week award. The winners from five different regions – Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco and New York – will make up the pool of eligible candidates for the National Minority Business of the Year Award, which is given to the nation’s top firms across a number of different categories.

The regional awards are designed to celebrate the top minority firms achieving outstanding success in the construction, manufacturing, retail, energy, global technology and supplier distribution industries. Other categories of recognition include an advocate award, media award, distinguished supplier award, and an access to capital award.

“Minority businesses are a phenomenal asset to the U.S. economy in a variety of sectors, from manufacturing to hospitality services and everything in between,” said MBDA National Director David Hinson. “These firms create good paying jobs and boost economic growth in America’s communities. The businesses recognized through the MED Week awards program represent just a few of our nation’s brightest and most innovative minority enterprises.”

Winners will be recognized at events in each of the five regions, and the national award winners will be honored at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) Conference Awards Gala in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

The following regional award winners have achieved excellence in their industries, specifically due to their continuous innovation, strategic partnerships, and substantial growth in jobs and revenues regionally, nationally and even globally.

## 2011 REGIONAL MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK AWARD WINNERS

### Atlanta Region

Minority Construction Firm: (Tie)

Metcon Construction  
Pembroke, North Carolina

ENVIRO AgScience, Inc.  
Columbia, South Carolina

Minority Manufacturing Firm

Homestead Packaging Solutions  
Roswell, Georgia

Minority Global Technology Firm

NVision Solutions, Inc.  
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

Minority Global Supplier Distributor: (Tie)

Marketing Arm International, Inc.  
Port Charlotte, Florida

Trillion Communications Corporation  
Bessemer, Alabama

Advocate

Luke Yancy III  
The MMBC Continuum  
Memphis, Tennessee

Media

Atlanta Tribune: The Magazine  
Roswell, Georgia

Distinguished Supplier Diversity

Georgia Power Company  
Atlanta, Georgia

### Chicago Region

Minority Construction Firm

R&G Engineering LLC  
Chicago, Illinois

Minority Manufacturing Firm

Hooven-Dayton Corporation  
Dayton, Ohio

Minority Global Technology Firm

Select Source  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Minority Global Supplier Distributor

Monnex Precision, Inc./MTK Logistics  
Chicago, Illinois

Advocate

Omar Duque  
Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Chicago, Illinois

## **Dallas Region**

### Minority Construction Firm: (Tie)

Rising Sun Construction  
Fargo, New Mexico

Saigan Construction  
Corrales, New Mexico

### Minority Manufacturing Firm

Regali, Inc.  
Richardson, Texas

### Minority Retail Energy Firm

Source Technologies, LLC  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

### Minority Global Technology Firm

Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise  
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

### Minority Global Supplier Distributor

Ewing Engineered Solutions  
Allen, Texas

### Advocate

Francisco Tapia  
Air Force Research Laboratory  
Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

### Media

The El Paso Times  
El Paso, Texas

### Distinguished Supplier Diversity

Delphi Automotive  
El Paso, Texas

### Access to Capital: (Tie)

Liquid Capital  
San Antonio, Texas

The Loan Fund  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

## **San Francisco Region**

### Minority Construction Firm

DSG Mechanical Corporation, Inc.  
Chino, California

### Minority Manufacturing Firm

Superior Communications, Inc.  
Baldwin Park, California

### Minority Retail Energy Firm

Silray, Inc.  
Palo Alto, California

### Minority Global Technology Firm: (Tie)

Managed Business Solutions  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Foxit Software Corporation  
Fremont, California

### Minority Global Supplier Distributor

Redapt, Inc.  
Redmond, Washington

### Advocate

Tyson Schliz  
Glow Electric  
Hawthorne, California

### Media

Think Latino  
Topanga, California

### Distinguished Supplier Diversity

Nestle USA  
Glendale, California

### Access to Capital

Bank of America-Merrill Lynch  
Los Angeles, California

**New York Region**

Minority Construction Firm

The Espinosa Group, Inc.  
Carlstadt, New York

Minority Manufacturing Firm

Pan Pepin, Inc.  
Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Minority Global Technology Firm

InfoPeople Corporation  
New York, New York

Advocate

John Robinson  
National Minority Business Council  
New York, New York

Recognized as the nation's premier event for minority entrepreneurs and business owners, the MED Week Conference attracts minority businesses of all sizes from all industry sectors across the country. Participants will have opportunities to network and learn about new contracting, financing and global growth opportunities from federal government agencies and corporations. This year's program will also offer minority entrepreneurs access to the policy makers, program managers, financial lenders and procurement officers who often impact business success.

Helping to make the 2011 MED Week Conference available are a host of corporate sponsors including top tier sponsors: AT&T, IBM, Raytheon Company, United Technologies Corporation, Wal-Mart, Deltek/INPUT, Northrop-Grumman and Tremco Incorporated. Media partners playing a significant part in promoting the conference are Asian Fortune, Minority Business News-USA, Minority Business Entrepreneur, Minority Enterprise Advocate, LatinaStyle, The Black EOE Journal, Hispanic Network, Professional Woman's Magazine, and MBEConnect.

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***About the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)***

MBDA, [www.mbda.gov](http://www.mbda.gov), an agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce, promotes the growth and global competitiveness of the minority business community, making them better equipped to create jobs, impact local economies and compete successfully in domestic and global marketplaces. With a nationwide network of business centers and strategic partners, MBDA assists minority entrepreneurs and business owners with consulting services, contract and financing opportunities, bonding and certification services, building business-to-business alliances and executive training.

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