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## **MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS RECOGNIZED**

Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council's Choice Awards: The Movie—Redux

**December 14, 2021** – The **Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC)**, presents the cinematic debut of Choice Awards: The Movie—Redux, which celebrates the achievements of best-in-class in supplier diversity. Corporations of the Year, Suppliers of the Year and many other deserving individuals and companies will be featured, along with special appearances by EMSDC staff. A limited number of attendees will have the opportunity to see Choice Awards: The Movie—Redux premiere live on December 15 at the Landmark's Ritz Five in Philadelphia, PA. The worldwide virtual premiere will stream December 16. [Click here](#) for registration and details.

"The Choice Awards gives us an opportunity to celebrate the countless successes of our corporate members, minority businesses, individuals, organization and, on a larger scale, supplier diversity," said Valarie Cofield, President & CEO of EMSDC. "These awards are reflective of what we've accomplished thus far and is a benchmark for how much more we need to do in order to move the needle and amplify the importance of supporting and advocating for diverse businesses."

Congratulations to the following companies and individuals who will be honored this year:

### **President's Award**

Tasha Youngblood Brown, MBA, CISA  
Managing Director, Government & Public Sector - State, Local & Education Practice  
US East Higher Education Leader, Ernst & Young, LLP

### **Phoenix Award**

Colette deChalus Lee  
Vice President Relationship Manager, Business Banker, PNC

### **Paving the Way Award**

Michelle Bodden, Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer  
New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA)

### **MBE Advocates of the Year**

Joel Burstein, Chief Executive Officer, Keep it Simple Training and Development  
Paul Douglas, President, The JPI Group LLC  
Dennis Garrett, CEO, Blue Lake Clean Energy Group LLC

### **Emmett T. Vaughn Corporate Advocate of the Year**

Chuck Stefanosky  
Supplier Diversity Director, Independence Blue Cross

**Class I Supplier of the Year**  
Davis Consulting Solutions  
Danielle Davis, Ph.D., Founder and President

**Class II Supplier of the Year**  
The JPI Group LLC  
Iyomakha Douglas, CEO  
Paul Douglas, President

**Class III Supplier of the Year**  
EMSCO Scientific Enterprises, Inc.  
Lin Thomas, Chairman & CEO

**Class IV**  
Computer Enterprises, Inc. (CEI)  
D. Raja, Co-Founder and CEO

**Regional Corporation of the Year**  
Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW)  
Dr. Erica Patterson, DM  
Director, Contracts Management & Supplier Diversity

**National Corporation of the Year**  
AmeriHealth Caritas Family of Companies  
Karen Dale, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer

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About EMSDC

The Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC), a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, is an affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). There are 23 regional councils across the country with more than 1,750 corporate members. The EMSDC certifies and connects minority-owned businesses (Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American) throughout Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware with member corporations who are committed to supplier development and want to purchase their products, services and solutions.

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