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MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS RECOGNIZED Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council's Stellar Awards Ceremony

PITTSBURGH, PA – May 4, 2016 – The **Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC)** honored minority owned businesses and corporations for their achievements in business growth, advocacy, diversity and inclusion **at the Stellar Awards Luncheon held recently at the Renaissance Hotel** in Pittsburgh, PA. Nearly 200 guests were in attendance, including leaders in the business community, EMSDC Board members, Corporate members, MBE suppliers, and supporters.

Curt Topper, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services welcomed the attendees on behalf of Governor Tom Wolf. Ronald Herring, President International & Senior Vice President, MSA, delivered the keynote address.

Darieth Chisolm, former WPXI news anchor, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies and announced the winners of the following awards:

Individual Resource Partner Award - Suresh Ramanathan, KORYAK
Organizational Resource Partner Award - The Enterprise Center
MBE Partnership Award - World Wide Technology, Inc.
MBE Forerunner Award - Sci-Tek Consultants
Fastest Growing MBE Company Award - The Wilson Group
Corporate Best Practice Award - EQT Corporation
Corporate Forerunner Award - UPMC
Corporate Leadership Cornerstone Award - EQT Corporation
Alexander Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award - Toni Silva-Jeter, UPMC

BNY Mellon, Chevron, Citizens Bank, East Hill Media, EQT, MSA, Pittsburgh Magazine, and UPMC were among the participating sponsors. A portion of the proceeds from the Stellar Awards supports programming for minority businesses.

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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