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Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council's Stellar Awards Ceremony

PITTSBURGH, PA – April 18, 2017 – The **Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council (EMSDC)**, hosted the second annual Stellar Awards Luncheon on April 18, 2017 at the Fairmont Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. Nearly 300 guests, including Corporate executives, resource partners, and Minority Business Entrepreneurs (MBE) suppliers attended to honor the Best in Class in Supplier Diversity and meet potential business partners.

Curt Topper, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services welcomed the attendees and provided an update on the state's initiatives for minority business inclusion. President of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), Joset Wright-Lacy, participated in an interview-style conversation where she shared her insights on planned changes within the NMSDC network, how to find minority suppliers, and how minority owned businesses should approach potential customers.

Emmy Award Winning TV Host, Darieth Chisolm, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies and announced the winners of the following categories:

Individual Resource Partner Award - Lance Hyde, EQT
Organizational Resource Partner Award - EQT
MBE Partnership Award - CDI Printing
MBE Forerunner Award - KORYAK
Corporate Best Practice Award - EQT
Corporate Cornerstone Award - EQT
Corporate Forerunner Award - EQT
Alexander Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award - Suresh Ramanathan, KORYAK and
Ron Davis, Parx Casino and Racing

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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.