



2017 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards

WRMSDC's Awards celebrate the best minority suppliers and Corporate Members in Northern California, Nevada, and Hawai'i. **Award applications are due by 5 p.m. PST on March 29, 2017.**

Want to nominate a company or individual for an award? [Click here](#)

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Corporation of the Year Award* – Recognizes a National Corporate Member that has demonstrated company-wide support of WRMSDC and whose Supplier Diversity initiatives are moving the needle toward a more inclusive and diverse landscape.

Who can apply? NMSDC Corporate Members in our footprint and any Regional Corporate Members that are also National Corporate Members. Examples: Kaiser Permanente, Union Bank, Google, Facebook, R&R Partners, Las Vegas Sands Corporation. Nominations are not required.

Regional Cornerstone Award* – Recognizes a Regional Corporate Member, Certified Class 3 or 4 MBE, or partner that has demonstrated company-wide support of WRMSDC and whose Supplier Diversity initiatives are moving the needle toward a more inclusive and diverse landscape.

Who can apply? Regional Corporate Members and companies that support WRMSDC, including Certified Class 3 & 4 MBEs and in-kind supporters. National Corporate Members are not eligible. Examples: JFK University, World Wide Technology, InGenesis. Nominations are not required.

Ambassador of the Year Award* – Recognizes individuals who volunteer their time, expertise, and advocacy in favor of WRMSDC.

Who can apply? Individuals employed by National Corporate Members, Regional Corporate Members, and companies that support WRMSDC, including certified MBEs and in-kind supporters. Nominations are not required.

Executive of the Year Award – Recognizes an executive not working directly within Supplier Diversity who ensures that their company allocates resources (financial and otherwise) to WRMSDC and Supplier Diversity in the region.

Who can apply? Individuals employed by National Corporate Members or Regional Corporate Members. Nominations are not required.

Supplier Diversity Leader of the Year Award – Recognizes a Supplier Diversity professional (Executive, Director, Manager, Coordinator, Specialist working within

Supplier Diversity) who has made significant contributions to WRMSDC with their time, support, and advocacy, and who has championed Supplier Diversity and MBEs within their own company.

Who can apply? Individuals employed by National Corporate Members or Regional Corporate Members. Nominations are not required.

[Procurement & Purchasing Leader of the Year Award](#) – Recognizes individuals working within Procurement and Purchasing who advocate for Supplier Diversity, MBEs, and WRMSDC within their company and community but who don't work directly within Supplier Diversity.

Who can apply? Individuals employed by National Corporate Members or Regional Corporate Members. Nominations are not required.

[Supplier of the Year Award](#) – Recognizes four WRMSDC certified MBEs that demonstrate excellence in their services and products and show growth in sales and job creation. **Winners are automatically entered in the NMSDC competition.**

Who can apply? WRMSDC certified MBEs, including Subscription Service MBEs. Examples: Customized Performance, Akraya, Codale Energy Services & Supply. **Nominations are required.** MBEs will compete against other MBEs in their own Class: Class 1 = annual sales <\$1M; Class 2 = \$1M-10M; Class 3 = \$10M-50M; Class 4 = >\$50M

How to Nominate an MBE for Supplier of the Year:

Candidates must be nominated by a Regional or National Corporate Member to compete. Regional or National Corporate Members must: 1. Submit an [easy online nomination](#) by March 1; 2. Send their nominee an official Letter of Recommendation before March 29 (so the nominee can include it in their application) on company letterhead that addresses [NMSDC's selection criteria](#); 3. Only nominate up to three MBEs in each Class.

How to Apply for Supplier of the Year:

[Click here to apply.](#)

[Email awards@wrmsdc.org](mailto:awards@wrmsdc.org) with questions.

[Selection Process & Winner Announcement](#)

A panel of anonymous judges selects the winners. Judges must sign Confidentiality Agreements. WRMSDC reserves the right to re-categorize award applicants if necessary. Winners will be announced at the 2017 Gala.

[About WRMSDC](#)

WRMSDC supports the growth and welfare of minority communities by championing the use of minority-owned businesses in Northern California, Nevada, and Hawai'i. Visit us at www.wrmsdc.org.