



## 2018 Supplier Diversity Award Winners

*May 18, 2018 Awards Gala Honors Entrepreneurs and Leaders in Corporate Procurement*

**OAKLAND, Calif., May 18** -- The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC), a local non-profit dedicated to promoting minority-owned businesses, announced the winners of its 2018 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards on May 18, 2018 at Roundhouse Conference Center in San Ramon, CA.

Corporate Members and certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) competed for awards celebrating individual and corporate advocacy, MBE development, and partnership with WRMSDC. Award winners are recognized for their commitment to Supplier Diversity and outstanding efforts in advancing purchasing opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

The 2018 Excellence in Supplier Diversity Award Winners are as follows:

**All Money Is Green: Mosaic Global Transportation** was recognized for doing the most business with other certified MBEs in the previous year. Judges described the company as a great example of what MBEs can accomplish.

**Ambassador of the Year: Kathleen Trimble, Robert Half International**, was recognized for her generous volunteerism, expertise, and advocacy. Judges called her a legend, inspiration, and champion of diversity.

**Community Builder of the Year: Kenyatta Lewis, MGM Resorts International**, won this award for her community impact, as well as her ability to unite people and inspire them to work toward a common goal.

**Cornerstone of the Year: CSAA Insurance Group** won this award for their company-wide support as a Local Corporate Member of WRMSDC. Judges lauded them as a trailblazer with strong collaboration and a company that has stepped up to fill a void.

**Corporation of the Year: MUFG Union Bank, N.A.** was recognized for moving the needle toward a more inclusive and diverse landscape, as well as for their exceptional top-down support of WRMSDC. Judges praised them for their exceptional community service, dedication, transparency, and outstanding commitment to WRMSDC.

**Executive of the Year: Julius Robinson of MUFG Union Bank, N.A.** won this award as an executive who ensures that his company allocates resources to both WRMSDC and Supplier Diversity in the region. Judges honored his longstanding reputation of support to the community and called him a community leader devoted to the growth of diversity.

**MBE Choice: MUFG Union Bank, N.A.** was recognized by the MBE community for the support and encouragement they have consistently given to the minority business community.

**President's Choice: Dicran Arnold of World Wide Technology** won this prestigious award for his leadership in MBE-to-MBE spend programming, local job creation in Northern California, and considerable contributions to WRMSDC.



**Prime Supplier of the Year:** **Cupertino Electric, Inc.** won this award for their work as a Prime Supplier that prioritizes doing business with MBEs. Judges praised the winner for their efforts to grow diverse businesses and communities.

**Procurement & Purchasing Leader of the Year:** **Jeffrey Bruno of Kaiser Permanente** was recognized as a champion working within Procurement and Purchasing who advocates for Supplier Diversity, MBEs, and WRMSDC. Judges called him a dedicated, forward-thinking change agent who always ensures that there are opportunities for MBEs.

**Supplier Diversity Leader of the Year:** **Richard Chacon, MUFG Union Bank, N.A.**, was recognized as a Supplier Diversity professional who has made significant contributions to WRMSDC with his time, support, and advocacy, and who has championed Supplier Diversity and MBEs within his company. Judges described him as greatly deserving of the award and a true leader with solid commitment to the Council.

**Supplier of the Year** winners demonstrate excellence in their services and products while showing growth in sales and job creation.

- **Class 1 Winner** (annual sales of less than \$1 million): **BB Mechanical, LLC** from Nevada was described by judges as innovative, hardworking, and determined.
- **Class 2 Winner** (annual sales of \$1-10 million): **RenuOil of America, Inc.** from Nevada was named an industry leader with determination.
- **Class 3 Winner** (annual sales of \$10-50 million): **Mosaic Global Transportation** from California was called a trailblazer. Robert Half provided the winner with a scholarship to JFK University's Business Growth Acceleration Program (BGAP) in the fall.
- **Class 4 Winner** (annual sales greater than \$50 million): **Rose International** from Missouri was described by judges as a company with ambition, honesty, and integrity, as well as a business that demonstrates leadership at its finest.

**Trailblazer:** **Lance Dorsey of McKesson Corporation** was recognized for his unparalleled contribution, passion, and leadership on WRMSDC's Board of Directors and beyond. He directly impacts WRMSDC's recruiting efforts and Northern California strategy, as well as mentors minority businesses.

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## About WRMSDC

The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC) supports the growth and business development of minority communities by championing the use of minority-owned businesses in Northern California, Nevada, and Hawai'i. Please visit us online at [wrmsdc.org](http://wrmsdc.org).