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**Reflect | Envision Gala  
Recognizes Eleven Supplier Diversity Champions & Minority Businesses**

**OAKLAND, Calif., May 11** -- The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC), a local non-profit that advocates for minority businesses in Northern California, Nevada, and Hawai'i, announced the winners of its Excellence in Supplier Diversity Awards at its 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on Friday, May 8, 2015, at The Westin St. Francis in San Francisco. Present to celebrate the eleven award winners were over 340 guests from major Fortune 500 corporations, Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and strategic alliance partners.

Corporate Members and certified MBE applicants competed for eleven distinguished awards celebrating individual and corporate achievements in the calendar year 2014. A list of Excellence in Supplier Diversity Award winners follows:

**Corporation of the Year: Kaiser Permanente**

**Utility Corporation of the Year: Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Executive of the Year: Linda Winter, Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Supplier Diversity Leader of the Year: Steve Lamar, Kaiser Permanente**

**MBE Choice Award: Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco**

**Sourcing Manager of the Year: Earl London, Kaiser Permanente**

**Corporate Buyer of the Year: Nicole Herod, MGM Resorts International**

**Supplier of the Year**

*Class 1 Winner* (Annual sales less than \$1M): **Smart Simple Marketing**

*Class 2 Winner* (Annual sales from \$1M-\$10M): **ICE Safety Solutions**

*Class 3 Winner* (Annual sales from \$10M-\$50M): **Hibser Yamauchi Architects, Inc.**

*Class 4 Winner* (Annual sales greater than \$50M): **ATR International, Inc.**

**About the Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council:**

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

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