



2024 Multi-Industry Supplier Inclusion Conference

August 23, 2024 Around the World in 2 days: an exploration of industries, perspectives, and inclusivity.

San Ramon, CA- The Western Regional Minority Supplier Development Council (WRMSDC), a local non-profit dedicated to promoting minority-owned businesses, held its Multi-Industry Supplier Inclusion Conference (formerly Expo) on August 23, 2024, at The Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon, CA.

The Conference provided an opportunity for corporate procurement representatives and suppliers to meet and begin building relationships in a casual atmosphere. Golf Clinics provided a quieter atmosphere to bond while learning or brushing up on golf skills. Guests could also take advantage of the headshot station, provided by Shellee Fisher Photography & Design and the video booth, provided by Storyville RD.

The lunch plenary, hosted by Donna Ruff (WRMSDC) and Lili Kwan (Salesforce), kicked off with short sizzle reels from WRMSDC MBE Platinum Partners: Certus Cybersecurity Solutions LLC, Diversified Protection Corporation, Eagle Promotions, iTalent Digital, Rose International, S+B James Construction, SBM Management LP, Stratascale - an SHI Company, World Wide Technology Inc, Zones Inc, Storyville RD, and Hypen8tion Studios. Attendees were treated to field experts to provide insight into several topics of interest, such as “Artificial Intelligence, Business Interactions, and the Future”, by Cecil Plummer (MojoHire.ai); “Environmental, Social, & Governance”, by Que Alicea (Q&A Consulting) and Jose Espinoza (Jacobs); “Accessibility for All: Disability Inclusion & Equality in Business”, by Philip Devliegher (Disability:IN), “Empowering Indigenous Enterprises: Navigating Current Challenges and Future Opportunities”, by David Mowry (Blair, Church & Flynn), and words from Golf Clinic Host, Heather Nguyen (Bank of America) and Make a Difference Supporter Ayanna Nobles (CalTrans). The plenary concluded with a rousing Industry Leader Panel to discuss Opportunities and What’s Hot in the Industry. The panel was moderated by Donna Ruff (WRMSDC) and featured Ron Holmes (Apple), Mick Penn (Swinerton), Amanda Humrichouse (Pinnacle Technical Resources, Inc), Karmin Bailey (Southwest Gas), and Ernie Flores (Kaiser Permanente).

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About WRMSDC

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