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MBN USA Magazine Names 2012 Ambassadors for Supplier Diversity

DALLAS – Recognizing excellence in the diverse business community, MBN USA magazine has released its inaugural Ambassadors of Supplier Diversity list, a compilation of the nation’s leading supplier diversity professionals. The honorees were announced in the MBN USA Chrome Edition that debuted at the annual National Minority Supplier Development Council Inc.® Conference and Business Opportunity Fair.

The Ambassadors of Supplier Diversity are a representation of an unwavering commitment to connect diverse suppliers with increased access among our nation’s purchasing communities. The 2012 honorees and their respective companies include:

Accenture – Ray Toomer	Johnson & Johnson Services Inc. –
Accenture – Carol Attak	Veronica Manuel-Gilbert
Aetna Inc. – Kristen Hickey	JPMorgan Chase & Co. –
Alabama Power Co. – Alice Gordon	Diana Domenech
Alcatel-Lucent – Mark Artigues	Kellogg Co. – Cathy Kutch
Allstate Insurance Co. – Margaret Klinsport	Kelly Services Inc. – Brenda Marshall
Altria Group Inc. – Rueben Turner	KeyBank – Poppie Parish
Ameren Corp. – James Keating	Kraft Foods Inc. – Vickie Hsi
Ameren Corp. – Kendra Austin	The Kroger Co. – Denise Thomas
American Airlines – Robin Pulford	Lockheed Martin Corp. – Sam Evans
American Express Co. – Gladys Lopez	Macy's Inc. – James Stocks
Apple Inc. – Maurice Webb	MeadWestvaco Corp. – Timothy Wright
Archer Daniels Midland Co. – Amber Potts	Merck & Co. Inc. – Saunjah Powell-Pointer
AT&T Inc. – Marianne Strobel	Microsoft Corp. – Fernando Hernandez
Avis Budget Group Inc. – Lynn Boccio	Navistar Inc. – Allen Gray
Bank of America Corp. – Hilary Sharon	Nationwide Mutual
BBVA Compass Bancshares Inc. – Silas Carter	Insurance Co. – Antoine Bennett
BMW Manufacturing Co. – Louise Connell	Nissan North America Inc. – Daniel Boren
BNSF Railway Co. – Lynn Baker	Nordstrom Inc. – Sandra Loza
The Boeing Co. – Barbara Taylor	Northrop Grumman Corp. – Gloria Pualani
BP America Inc. – Debra Jennings-Johnson	Novation LLC – Jeff Auvenshine
Cardinal Health – Cathy Mock	NRG Energy Inc. – Che’ McFerrin
Cargill Inc. – John Taylor	Pacific Gas & Electric Co. – Joan Kerr
CDW Corp. – Mark Key	Pepco Holdings Inc. – Rhonda Mencarini

CenterPoint Energy – Jewel Smith
Chevron Corp. – Ron Rodrigues
Chrysler Group LLC – Kevin Bell
Cintas Corp. – Pamela Coleman
The Coca-Cola Co. – Terrez Thompson
Comerica Bank – Teresa LeFevre
ConAgra Foods Inc. – Chris Liu
Consolidated Edison Inc. – Michael Jones-Bey
Cummins Inc. – Gordon Fykes
CVS Caremark Corp. – Monette Knapik
Dell Inc. – Cyndi Hopkins
Delta Air Lines – Karmetria Dunham Burton
DTE Energy Co. – John Eley
Energy Future Holdings – Cheryl Stevens
Entergy Corp. – Walter Loyd
Ericsson Inc. – Terri Whitt
Ernst & Young LLP – Theresa Harrison
Exelon Corp. – Emmett Vaughn
ExxonMobil Corp. – Aline Presley
Ford Motor Co. – Carla Traci Preston
General Motors Co. – Linda Ware
Hewlett-Packard
Development Co. LP – Brian Tippens
Honda North America Inc. – Paula Carter
IBM Corp. – Michael K. Robinson
Johnson Controls Inc. – Reginald Layton

PepsiCo Inc. – Ricardo Barrientos
Pfizer Inc. – AnsaYiadom
Phillips 66 Co. – Hubert Jones
Pitney Bowes Inc. – Lawrence Wooten
The Procter & Gamble Co. – Dwain Carver
Prudential Financial Inc. – Beth Canning
Shell Energy North America – Debra Stewart
Sodexo Inc. – Darlene Fuller
Texas Instruments Inc. – Shannon Suber
Time Warner Inc. – Greta Davis
Toyota (TEMA) – Adrienne Trimble
Tyco Electronics Corp. – Kevin Brown
United Airlines Inc. – Ruby McCleary
United Parcel Service of America Inc. – Kathy Homeyer
United Technologies Corp. – Ken Kanyagui
Verizon Communications Inc. –
Donna Weaver-Erhardt
Volkswagen Group of America –
Keith L. Eakins Jr.
Volvo Group Trucks Technology –
Kirby Watson
Wal-Mart Stores Inc. – Theresa Barrera
We Energies – Jerry Fulmer
Wells Fargo & Co. – Sonya Dukes
Xcel Energy Inc. – Murugan Palani

“The MBN USA editorial board was absolutely thrilled to name these phenomenal individuals to the Ambassadors of Supplier Diversity list. They reflect a level of professionalism and dedication that truly makes a difference in growing and developing MWBEs,” said Jarilyn Fox, president and publisher, Business News Group and MBN USA magazine.

Supplier diversity leadership, mentoring initiatives, supplier outreach and minority business development council involvement were among the criteria considered when compiling the list. In addition to national exposure in the premier MBN USA Chrome Edition, each Ambassador received an honorary certificate to display on his or her booth during the opportunity fair.

“This great work we call supplier diversity would not be possible were it not for the passion displayed by these Ambassadors,” said Don McKneely, chairman and CEO, Business News Group and MBN USA magazine. “We thank them for their tireless efforts and look forward to seeing them do it bigger and better in the years to come.”

To view the MBN USA Chrome Digital Edition in its entirety and to learn about American’s award-winning magazine featuring supplier diversity and inclusion, visit <http://www.mbnusa.biz>.