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Pacific Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council Announces 2020 Supplier Diversity Excellence Award Winners

Pacific Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council (PSWMSDC) is proud to announce that the 2020 Supplier Diversity Excellence Award recipients. The awards were presented during a virtual ceremony on Friday, July 11, 2021, as part of the virtual Procurement Conference and Business Opportunity Fair. This year's theme was "Breaking Barriers: Building for the Future."

The 2020 Supplier Diversity Excellence Award categories and the winners.

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR is presented annually to certified minority-owned businesses that demonstrate excellence in their services and products and show growth in sales and job creation. Awards are presented in four different categories based upon revenues. Winners are:

Class 1: Huy Ly, [Meijun, LLC](#)

Class 2: Teresa Ornelas, [Great Impact, Inc.](#)

Class 3: Mark Montgomery, [Bridgewater Consulting Group, Inc.](#)

Class 4: Dan Puente, [DP Electric, Inc.](#)

MBE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR is awarded to a certified MBE owner for strong support and dedicated leadership for promoting and advocating for minority businesses. **The 2020 winner is Elizabeth Camacho, [Scott Business Group](#).**

CORPORATE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR is presented to a corporate individual for their efforts to identify and utilize minority suppliers to fulfill corporate purchasing goals and whose extraordinary overall contributions have made a direct impact on the success of the Council. The 2020 winner is **Leslie Okamoto with [Siemens Mobility, Inc.](#)**

REGIONAL CORPORATION OF THE YEAR is presented to a corporate member that demonstrates commitment to the Pacific Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council, minority business development and to equal economic access through its minority procurement or supply chain program. The 2020 winner is **[San Diego Gas & Electric \(SDG&E\)](#).**

NATIONAL CORPORATION OF THE YEAR is presented to a corporate member that demonstrates commitment to the Pacific Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council, minority business development and to equal economic access through its minority procurement or supply chain program. The 2020 winner is [Wells Fargo](#).

PRESIDENT'S AWARD is presented by the PSWMSDC President and CEO, are presented to local corporate owners who have shown continual support and dedicated leadership for promoting and advocating for minority businesses. The 2020 President's Award recipient is Dicran "D" Arnold with [World Wide Technology](#).

In addition to these awards, a new award was introduced during this year's ceremonies. The Legacy Award was created to honor a corporation that has demonstrated a long-standing commitment to increasing supplier diversity and supporting Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). The first recipient of the Legacy Award was presented to [Salt River Project \(SRP\)](#).

"Congratulations to the Supplier Diversity Excellence Award finalists and winners," said Patricia Crenshaw, President and CEO, PSWMSDC. "The Corporations and their teams have been committed to providing minority-owned businesses access to bid on new business opportunities. This year's MBE finalists were nominated by their corporate clients. This shows the ability of our certified MBEs to compete and provide stellar services and goods. Congratulations again! You are all deserving of this recognition."

The Pacific Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council (PSWMSDC) is an affiliate of the national organization, the Minority Supplier Development Council. [PSWMSDC](#) grows minority business enterprises (MBEs) by providing certification, promotion, information, and resources that directly contribute to business growth. The Annual Procurement Conference provides opportunities for MBEs to connect with corporations who are looking to diversify their supply chain while also providing invaluable professional opportunities for business owners and corporate professionals.