



**40** Years of Developing  
Minority Businesses  
& 40 More to Come

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## Congratulations to the winners of Northwest Mountain MSDC Leadership & Advocacy Awards

### The Complete Winners List

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON (MARCH 9, 2018) – Microsoft Corporation won the National Corporation of the Year Award at the Northwest Mountain Minority Supplier Development Council (MSDC) 2018 Annual Awards Dinner & Silent Auction on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Enterprise Holdings won Regional Corporation of the Year and Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Tacoma Business Center won Public Agency of the Year.

Every year, the Northwest Mountain MSDC presents Leadership Awards to corporate and public agency members to recognize their supplier diversity excellence in the Northwest Mountain region. The awards criteria is based on information including, but not limited to dollars spent with certified MBE suppliers, outreach to the MBE community, and the firm's overall supplier diversity strengths and efforts.

The Northwest Mountain MSDC also presented: Supplier of the Year Awards to Council-certified minority business enterprises (MBEs); and, Advocacy Awards to individual supplier diversity advocates who tirelessly work to support member and MBE growth.

President's Awards came last. Fernando Martinez, President and CEO of Northwest Mountain MSDC concluded the awards ceremony with the presentation of four awards. "The President's Award is the only Award presented at the discretion of the President," he said. "The award is simply based on the premise that we need to recognize individuals, companies, organizations, or entities that selflessly serve our Council Community. I am very pleased to close out tonight's Awards Program by recognizing and acknowledging several individuals and one of our corporate members' efforts over the years."

Here is the complete list of winners at the 2018 Annual Awards Dinner & Silent Auction.

Leadership Awards:

2017 National Corporation of the Year

**Microsoft Corporation**

2017 Regional Corporation of the Year

**Enterprise Holdings**

2017 Public Agency of the Year

**Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Tacoma Business Center**

Supplier of the Year Class I

**inlingua Utah**

Supplier of the Year Class II

**Magellan Architects**

Supplier of the Year Class III

**Eagle Beverage & Accessory Products, LLC**

Supplier of the Year Class IV

**Zones, Inc.**

Advocacy Awards:

2017 Robert L. Ryan Award

**Diane Lin**

Director, Global Sourcing and Supplier Relations – Ethical Sourcing and Supplier Diversity  
Starbucks Corporation

2017 Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney Award

**Bramby Tollen**

Purchasing Manager

Snohomish County

2017 John A. Gilmore Award

**Earl W. Overstreet II**

President

General Microsystems, Inc.

2017 President's Award:

**T-Mobile USA, Inc.**

**Richard Chacon**

Director, Supplier Diversity and Development  
MUFG Union Bank, N.A.

**Fernando J. Hernandez**

Director, Supplier Diversity and Sustainability  
Microsoft Corporation

**Diane Lin**

Director, Global Sourcing and Supplier Relations – Ethical Sourcing and Supplier Diversity  
Starbucks Corporation

About the Council

The Northwest Mountain Minority Supplier Development Council (MSDC) is a Washington nonprofit established in 1978 to aid in growth and development of minority-owned businesses, serving the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. We are an affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), providing Council membership and supplier diversity support to corporations and public agencies. The Council manages Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) certification and development services. To learn more, visit [www.nwmtnmsdc.org](http://www.nwmtnmsdc.org).

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