

GCMSDC Newsletter



GCMSDC 17th Award Luncheon a Success

GCMSDC Honorees include left to right Mickey Hamano, President of Electro Wire, Inc, Dean Whitefield, President/CEO of Executive Technology, Chester "Chet" Yancy, ASU, Johnnie Funderburg GCMSDC, Jose Diaz, Hensel Phelps, Lorena Valencia, President of Reliance Wire represented by Cheryl Lawyer, Kay Weldon, President of Yashi Sauce, Steve Masias, President of Pivot Manufacturing, Carrie Young and Art Oros Leadership from Salt River Project (SRP). GCMSDC Award winners were recognized on June 9th at Tempe Buttes Resort for their work during 2010. Corporations, clergy, and community leaders attended the event in support of minority businesses and the council.

Join GCMSDC and Leverage Your MBE Business Growing Power.



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Message from GCMSDC President, CEO Johnnie Funderburg:

Servicing Minority Business Enterprises in an exceptional manner should include providing timely and relevant information. Consistency is also critical regarding the elements of success. Servicing Minority Business Enterprises across the entire state of Arizona is essential regarding the mission of GCMSDC and the success of our MBEs. GCMSDC continues to evolve with the spirit of excellent service and success in business. MBEs expect to receive information that will significantly impact their businesses in a positive way including ways to grow their businesses. GCMSDC has recently celebrated its 17th Awards Luncheon; honoring MBEs and thanking our Corporate Members. Aligned to drive support and encourage MBEs; GCMSDC continues to engage MBEs with GCMSDC Third Thursday networking and informational venues, along with our MBEIC Committee meetings. GCMSDC continues to move across the state of Arizona; connecting MBEs and promoting the value of supplier diversity.

GCMSDC Board Members



GCMSDC Board Members include Thaddeus Crawford, Johnnie Funderburg, Chet Yancy, Millie G. Scott, Art Oros and Lorena Valencia (not pictured here).



L to R - ASU Executive Director of Purchasing and Business Services, John Riley joins GCMSDC Leadership, Johnnie Funderburg and Chet Yancy for a Third Thursday Presentation to MBEs.



**In the
Spotlight**

Out of thousands of applicants, GCMSDC MBE Maria Benson, Owner of Nyla Simone Home (customized furniture and interior design) was selected by Macy's to attend their Inaugural Workshop in New York City.



Maria Benson is the Owner of **Nyla Simone Home**; "A furniture gallery in Phoenix that offers upscale, chic styling that is comfortable and durable enough for everyday living."

Founded in 2007, the gallery features distinctive furniture and accessories from quality artisans and boutique vendors from around the world, and is the exclusive distributor for renowned furniture designer and craftsman, Arthur Bailey.

Maria recently shared some of her Macy's workshop and business experience during a GCMSDC Third Thursday event held June 16. Brand strategies and building successful relationships with merchant teams were some of the key elements Macy's comprehensive retail vendor development program provided to business owners like Maria Benson.

Be sure to check out the specialized, custom elegance in furniture design that Maria and her team provide at Nyla Simone Home.

Nyla Simone Home provides complete home design services for the public and for the trade. For more information, visit www.NylaSimone.com or call (480) 422-6178.

Doing Business with ASU

Purchasing Site:
<http://cfo.asu.edu/purchasing>

Electronic Bid Boards:
<http://cfo.asu.edu/licensing-bidboard>

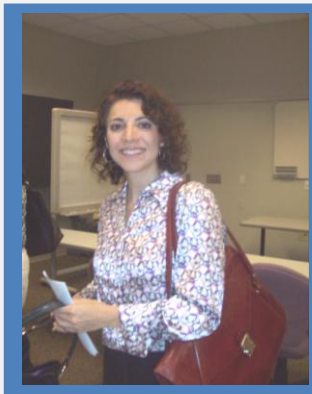
Info on doing business with ASU:
<http://cfo.asu.edu/purchasing-vendors>

Buyer contact information:
<http://cfo.asu.edu/purchasing-practices-commodity>

Purchasing policies:
<http://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/pur/index.html>

Performance Based Studies Research Group:
<http://www.pbsrg.com>

GCMSDC MBEIC Chair, Lorena Valencia presented an updated MBEIC Roll Out Plan on June 29, to engage MBEs in the areas of Marketing, Finance, and Service Resources; location provided courtesy of Arizona State University.



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