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**Three Georgia MBEs Named NMSDC Regional Suppliers of the Year** Local firms to compete for national SOY awards at NMSDC Conference in San Diego

**ATLANTA, GA August 11, 2015** – The Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council is proud to announce that three Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) firms from Georgia have been chosen by the National Minority Supplier Development Council as Regional Suppliers of the Year! The awards are presented in four revenue categories: Class I (Less than \$1 million), Class II (\$1 to \$10 million), Class III (\$10 to \$50 million), and Class IV (more than \$50 million). The Georgia small business community will be well represented with three candidates among that group – Alisa Clark of Anointed Professional Enterprises (Class I), Manish Madan of Systel, Inc. (Class III) and Sanjeev Tirath of Pyramid Consulting (Class IV). The winners will be announced on October 21, 2015 at the NMSDC National Conference and Opportunity Fair in San Diego.

Supplier of the Year is the highest honor given by the NMSDC to its MBEs, to recognize singular excellence in supply chain execution. The NMSDC nominates a total of sixteen regional winners – from among its more than 12,000 eligible MBEs nationwide – to compete for National Supplier of the Year honors. Winners are determined through a rigorous set of criteria established by the NMSDC. The GMSDC, Georgia's leading supplier diversity and small business development organization, has a well established track record of high-performing MBE firms, with multiple regional winners on more than one occasion in the past, and several national winners to its credit in recent years. The GMSDC hopes to add one or more names to its legacy of national leadership in October.

Stacey Key, the President and CEO of the GMSDC, is thrilled to see Georgia's MBE community stand out on the national stage. "This kind of recognition speaks volumes about the capability and the productivity of our minority business community," she says. "We are proud of the awesome MBEs here in Georgia that continue to exceed their clients' expectations year after year. We love it when the national organization spotlights the sustained excellence we see here in Georgia." The NMSDC National Conference and Opportunity Fair will be held at the San Diego Convention Center from October 18 – 21, 2015. Visit gmsdc.org for more information.

## About the GMSDC

The Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (GMSDC) is a not-for-profit organization that fosters partnerships between corporate entities and ethnic minority-owned businesses in the state of Georgia. An affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, in 2015 GMSDC celebrates 40 years as a council. For more information, call 404-589-4929 or visit <u>www.gmsdc.org</u>.