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Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council 11th Annual Awards Dinner & Dance “Top Nominees”

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Head: Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council hosts Awards Dinner May 20th

Kicker: “*The Grand Canyon Council celebrates minority business owners and corporate & government supporters*”

PHOENIX – The Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council will host its 11th Annual Awards Dinner & Dance on May 20, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix. The Council, which serves the Hispanic, African American, Asian and Native American business communities, was re-energized in 2004 with a new administration, new growth, and new goals & initiatives. The council has decided to re-structure the awards dinner this year in an “Oscar” type format, which includes the infamous phrase, “And the winner is....”. In previous years the award winners were announced and publicized prior to the awards dinner. This year the award winners will be announced the night of the awards dinner. This year will also include a live band and dancing after the awards ceremony.

Ron Williams, President/CEO of the Council, conveyed that in trying to bring a new and different flavor to the awards dinner, he felt that announcing the winners the night of the dinner would hopefully bring a new atmosphere of excitement and fun. Top supplier of the year nominees in all classes include:

***SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES**

David Wynn – Pinnacle Promotions; Choo Tay – Media 88; Loretta Huff – Emerald Harvest Consulting, LLC; Rosval Patterson – Patterson & Associates, LLC; Aparna Gupta – AMBA Solutions; April Stremming – April’s Images & Production; Archie Welch – Archie’s KC Bar-B-Que; Oliver Ibeh – Bio-Janitorial; Rob Velasco – MTI Solutions; Steve & Deb Ceballes –

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Horticulture West, II; Charles & Sherri Mitchell – All About People; Lam Bui – Complete Print Shop; Randy Lujan – Integrated Facility Construction Management; Dean Whitefield – Executive Technology, Inc.

Other award categories that will be recognized include:

CHAIRMAN’S AWARD; CORPORATION OF THE YEAR; CORPORATE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR; BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR; MBE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR; MBE to MBE BUSINESS AWARD. There may also be a **PRESIDENT’S AWARD**, which is the President’s Choice. If this award is awarded in any given year, it is selected exclusively by the President/CEO.

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