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**Head:** Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council partners to provide business solutions.

**Kicker: “Grand Canyon Council partners with local companies to provide Six Sigma Training and Technology Solutions for its members”**

**PHOENIX** – The Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council (GCMSDC), the local pre-eminent non-profit organization dedicated to promoting increased opportunities for minority businesses, announced today that they have partnered with Dr. Mikel J. Harry’s Six Sigma Management Institute, Streale Innovation, Inc., and Arizona State University, members of the Six Sigma Federation, to introduce the I4 Six Sigma™ business model to its MBEs and corporate members. The companies are working together to bring comprehensive, cost-effective solutions to implement Six Sigma within small and mid-sized organizations.

*“We are pleased to work with these well-respected companies to provide formidable business management solutions for our certified MBEs and corporate members”* says Ron Williams, President/CEO of the GCMSDC.

*“We’ve had deep discussions on how we can work together to provide Six Sigma technology solutions which will allow our constituents to drastically improve the quality of their products, services and customer satisfaction, while at the same time drive significant cash flow to their bottom line”.*

Dr. Mikel J. Harry will be a guest speaker at the first monthly networking and business breakfast meeting on January 26, 2006, hosted by SRP. There he will announce that SSMI, Streale, and ASU will host a series of seminars in the metro Phoenix area on behalf of the Council. Members will have the opportunity to gain powerful insight into how I4 Six Sigma™ will benefit their company, as well as, meeting Dr. Harry and his team to ask questions regarding the implementation of Six Sigma within their company.

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 certifies and advocates for minority businesses in AZ & NM.

**About GCMSDC**

GCMSDC is the regional affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), a network of 39 Councils linking more than 3,000 corporations and 15,000 minority-owned businesses across the country.

On the Net: GCMSDC’s website: [www.gcmsdc.org](http://www.gcmsdc.org)

**About SSMI**

SSMI is a Six Sigma consultancy under the headship of world renowned Dr. Mikel J. Harry. The company is known for its Six Sigma training and deployment strategies worldwide.

On the Net: Six Sigma Management Institute's website: <http://www.sixsigmaprogram.com>

**About Streale Innovation, Inc.**

Streale, a software and professional services firm, is a developer of Six Sigma project tracking solutions.

The company is headquartered in Gilbert, AZ and has offices in FL, CA, and Austria.

On the Net: Streale Innovation, Inc.'s site: [www.streale.com](http://www.streale.com)

**About Arizona State University (CPD)**

The Center for Professional Development (CPD) is a provider of Six Sigma certification programs developed by Dr. Mikel J. Harry's Six Sigma Management Institute.

On the Net: Arizona State University [Ira A. Fulton School of Engineering](http://www.asu.edu/ira-fulton-school-of-engineering)

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