

Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council's new President moderates Congressional Minority Business Summit

**PHOENIX** – Ron Williams, President/CEO of the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council has been selected to moderate Congressman J. D. Hayworth's Minority Business Summit "A Town Hall Meeting". The session is scheduled for May 7, 2004, 9:00am – 11:00am, ASU Memorial Union, Arizona Grand Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

Invited guest speakers include: Congressman Donald A. Manzullo, Chairman of the House Small Business Committee; Honorable Ronald Langston, Director, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce; Rob Melnick, Director, Morrison Institute, Associate VP of Economic Affairs and Public Policy ASU.

Williams, who on April 27, 2004 received the **Don Eagle National Conference for Community and Justice Volunteer Award** at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner at Marriott's Camelback Inn, is quickly becoming a major player in the minority business community.

### **New face; fresh ideas**

As President/CEO of GCMSDC, Williams hopes to utilize his background in Civil and Human Rights to work with all ethnic communities in developing partnerships that will assist the entire minority business community. In his first month on the job, Williams has already solidified reciprocal agreements with the Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. His organization is also currently working jointly with the AZ Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on an upcoming Breakfast, Trade Fair and Business Symposium in September 2004. Williams took the helm on March 8, 2004 as GCMSDC's second President in its eleven years.

### **Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council**

The Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council is the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, comprised of 41 chapters, nationwide. The GCMSDC, established in 1993, is a private-sector, non-profit organization.

In addition to certifying minority-owned business applicants, the GCMSDC provides members access to the organization's national database of MBE certified businesses and other corporate and government entity members. It also offers access to capital funding for certified MBE's through its participation in Business Consortium Fund, Inc.