

Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council's new President receives Humanitarian Award

PHOENIX – Ron Williams, President/CEO of the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council has been recognized by members of our community for his efforts in promoting the mission of The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). NCCJ's mission is to fight bias, bigotry and racism to make this a better world for all of us, not just some of us.

On April 27, 2004 Ron Williams **will receive the Don Eagle NCCJ Volunteer Award** at the 50th Annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner at Marriott's Camelback Inn. NCCJ Executive Director Rory Gilbert wrote, "In considering Ron, we recognized he had made many contributions to the NCCJ. We appreciate his efforts to help us promote the Walk as One at the Community Breakfast, the Team Captain Luncheons and for steadfastly being at the Walk to MC and generate enthusiasm for the event. Additionally, he is recognized for his tireless work with the City of Phoenix, including the oversight of the Human Relations Commission along with his involvement in the MLK Awards, business development, cultural diversity and awareness programs and events."

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.

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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.

More information is available at 602-495-9950 or www.gcmsdc.org.