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**Southern Florida Minority Supplier Development Council  
Honors Corporations and MBEs at its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala**

**Miami, FL** - The Southern Florida Minority Supplier Development Council (SFMSDC) held its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Gala on Friday, September 26, 2014. “**A Celebration of Excellence in Diversity**” was the theme of the event. The achievements of South Florida’s top minority businesses, major corporations and individuals committed to Supplier Diversity were recognized. “The corporations and Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) that were honored are working together to achieve the common goal of creating a vibrant economy in South Florida,” said Beatrice Louissaint, President and CEO of the SFMSDC.

**Winners of the prestigious awards are:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Recipient</b>
Local Corporation of the Year	University of Miami
National Corporation of the Year	HP
Supplier of the Year Category I	Victoria & Associates Career Services
Supplier of the Year Category II	Dirt Pros
Supplier of the Year Category III	Solo Printing
Supplier of the Year Category IV	Pacific Coral Seafood
Doing Well While Doing Good®	MDO Partners and Baptist Health South Florida
Advocate of the Year	Sheldon Edwards, Miami Dade College
Buyer of the Year Award	Fernando Félix, CVS Health
Crystal Award	Ron Reagan, FPL
President’s Award	Miami Dade College

**About SFMSDC**

*SFMSDC is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to advancing access and growth for minority businesses in South Florida. The organization’s goal is to increase purchasing from minority businesses by government entities and corporations, while increasing MBEs’ operating capacity through hands-on business assistance, training, and access to technology and capital resources. SFMSDC was founded in 1975 and is one of 24 regional councils affiliated with the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). The Council acts as a liaison between Corporate America and Minority Business Enterprises in 16 counties that include Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe, St. Lucie, Collier, Charlotte, Martin and Palm Beach Counties.*