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(SEATTLE, --JAN2012) The Northwest Minority Supplier Development Council (Northwest MSDC) is proud to announce new incoming leadership and expansion of its Board of Directors. Fernando Martinez, President and CEO of Northwest MSDC, presented the new leadership to the minority business enterprises (MBEs) and Corporate/Public Agency Membership in attendance at their Annual Meeting on December 15, 2011. The Board elected new members at a general meeting on January 13, 2012.



DIANE LIN, Board Chairperson (2012-2013), Director – Global Supplier Development | Supply Chain Operations, Starbucks Corporation

Ms. Lin has served on the Board of Directors of the Northwest MSDC as well as several Northwest MSDC's planning committees. She also serves as the chairperson for the Starbucks Supply Chain Operations Diversity Committee and is a member of the Starbucks Community Committee. With over 20 years experience in procurement, logistics, finance, and merchandising, she has led teams in procurement operations, strategic procurement, supplier relationship management, contract management, procurement systems, project management, business analysis, and financial planning.



KATE ARMSTRONG, Board Secretary (2012-2013), Supply Diversity Leader, Itron, Inc.

Ms. Armstrong joins the Board of Directors complimenting a very productive association between the Northwest MSDC and Itron. Recipient of the Applause Award, given by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, Armstrong joined the ranks of over two dozen past recipients of the award, including numerous supplier diversity officers from major corporations and noted political officials. Formerly a noted consultant in supplier diversity and a nonprofit executive, she was responsible for launching and implementing Itron's Supplier Diversity Program, for which Itron received the Prime Supplier of the Year Award from the EEI Supplier Diversity Council.



KIMBERLY NEWTON, New Board Member, Senior Manager of Procurement, the Boeing Company

Kimberly began her 20-year career with Boeing as a Procurement Agent in Boeing Commercial Airplanes (BCA). She then went on to serve in various other roles in the finance, business operations, and procurement functions, including a two year stint in BCA Commercial Airplane Services (CAS). Prior to joining the Shared Services Group (SSG) in the fall of 2010, she was the Senior Manager of BCA Pricing and Estimating. She was appointed Senior Manager of the Shared Services Group (SSG) Supplier Management (SM) Procurement Support & Integration organization in September, 2011. In this role she is responsible for market and business intelligence, compliance, SM policies and procedures, process based management, and supplier diversity.



VICKY SCHIANTARELLI, New Board Member, Strategic Advisor, WMBE/HUB Coordinator/ Environmental Justice and Service Equity Division, Seattle Public Utilities

Vicky joined Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) during April 2011, leaving her position as Agency Support and Supplier Diversity Manager for the Washington State Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (OMWBE). She currently serves as Strategic Advisor to the SPU executive team concerning supplier diversity and M/WBE utilization policy and issues. With support from her team, she manages the Economic Equity Services program, including supplier diversity policy and procedures; planning, reporting, and performance measures; and outreach and education/training programs. She also reviews and approves supplier diversity plans for prime contractors and consultants, as well as oversees scoring criteria for supplier diversity plans for prime contractors and vendors on SPU projects.



RICHARD CHACON, New Board Member, Vice President & Supplier Diversity Manager, Vendor Management, Union Bank

Richard Chacon is a vice president and supplier diversity manager for Union Bank, N.A. He is responsible for providing diverse business enterprises with the maximum practicable opportunity to participate in the Bank's procurement of goods and services in California, Oregon, and Washington. Mr. Chacon joined Union Bank in 1998 and has been the driving forces behind its increase in diverse business supplier spend from \$13 million in 1996 to \$136 million in 2010. Prior to his current position, Mr. Chacon worked with Pacific Bell for 13 years in the personnel and supplies distribution departments. He has also held various positions with Levi Strauss & Co., LB Credit Corporation, and Wells Fargo Bank.

Fernando Martinez and the staff of Northwest MSDC extend these distinguished persons a heartfelt welcome to the organization's governing body. "As the economy recovers from recession, this proactive expansion of the Board of Directors will allow Northwest MSDC to take advantage of opportunities for growth and expansion, furthering our mission and services to our MBEs and Corporate/Public Agency members," he expressed.

The Northwest Minority Supplier Development Council is dedicated to expanding business opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises and creating mutually beneficial links between Corporate/Public Agency members, and MBEs. The ultimate outcome is to add economic value to the supply chain while increasing economic opportunities for the minority business community. Its mission is to identify and develop education and business opportunities for MBEs, Corporations, and Public Agencies that result in stakeholder revenue growth. Please visit www.northwestmsdc.org.

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