

Eaton Receives Award for Supplier Diversity from Northern Ohio Council

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Deborah Pickens, director of supply chain management, was recently honored as Minority Business Enterprise Coordinator of the Year by the Northern Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (NOMSDC). This privately funded, non-profit business organization is one of 37 affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council. NOMSDC certifies, develops and coaches minority-owned businesses and supports corporations with their supplier diversity initiatives.

The 13th annual NOMSDC awards program recognized outstanding minority-owned businesses as well as corporations and community leaders for their work and dedication to supplier diversity.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Pickens, "and proud of Eaton's leadership role in diversity and inclusion to expand minority business opportunities in the marketplace."

This year, NOMSDC introduced an executive auction as a new element of the awards dinner. Proceeds from the auction will help fund NOMSDC programs and operating expenses. In the auction, high-profile senior executives from local corporations agreed to donate their time to meet with the highest bidder. Eaton's Craig Reed, senior vice president of supply chain management, was among the business leaders who participated in the auction.

The event also hosted keynote speaker David L. Steward, founder and chairman of World Wide Technology, Inc., one of the few minority-owned, multi-billion-dollar companies in the U.S.



Deborah Pickens, director of supply chain management, at NOMSDC's awards dinner with Kazell Pugh, president, TLC Springwater of Ohio, LLC.