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The **28th Annual Chicago Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Celebration** will be held August 12-13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive, Chicago. **Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week** is hosted by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) on behalf of the Chicago Minority Enterprise Development Council.

For over 28 years local and regional MED Week celebrations have been held throughout the country, culminating with the National MED Week conference and White House ceremony honoring the achievements and many contributions of minority entrepreneurs, individuals, and organizations that support minority business development. These conferences are the largest federally sponsored activities held on behalf of MBEs.

We are pleased to announce this year's local award winners. The competitive selection process evaluated all nominees based on the company's history of financial success, economic impact, and community leadership. All applicants were reviewed and scored by a panel of professionals.

Regional Minority Construction Firm of the Year

Ernest Edwards

U.S. Architectural Glass & Metal

US Architectural Glass & Metal is a union contract glazing and miscellaneous metal contractor. Founded in 2002, the company specializes in the design and installation of Curtain Walls, Fire-Rated Glass, Mirrored Walls, Storefront Systems, Ornamental Metal, Canopies, Metal Stairs and Railings. Among the companies most notable projects are the decorative steel railing along the Michigan Avenue Bridge on Chicago's illustrious "Magnificent Mile," a massive glass installation project for the Art Institute of Chicago's beautiful new "Modern Wing," and the Chicago Transit Authority's Red Line Rehabilitation project. U.S. Architectural Glass & Metal was cited as one of the largest minority owned glass and metal contractors in the United States of America in a recent trade publication.

We look forward to honoring the above nominees at this year's gala event. The **2010 Annual MED Week Awards Gala** will be held on Friday, August 13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom at 6pm and will recognize the outstanding achievements of Minority Business Owners, and honor those corporations that support minority business development.

For ticket/ table information contact Erika Jordan (312) 353-0186 or go to www.chicagomedweek.com.

