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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.

Executive Impact Award

John T. Hooker

John T. Hooker is the Executive Vice President of Legislative and External Affairs responsible for managing state legislative initiatives, as well as developing and maintaining strategic relationships with key state stakeholders and large customers. He also oversees the functions of Real Estate and Facilities and Economic Development. John has been a key factor in ComEd's leadership position in the diversity arena. His insistence on fairness and inclusion permeates the organization. Hooker has served in numerous ComEd departments for 41 years, holding management positions in the industrial relations, marketing, governmental, and regulatory affairs. Among his numerous civic involvements, Hooker is a member of the American Association of Blacks in Energy, an organization devoted to increasing the number of minorities in energy-related fields.

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.

