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Joset B. Wright is the president of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, a private non-profit organization that expands business opportunities for minority-owned companies of all sizes. NMSDC encourages mutually beneficial economic links between minority suppliers and the public and private sectors, and helps build a stronger, more equitable society by supporting and promoting minority business development.

The NMSDC Network includes a national office in New York and 37 Regional Councils across the country. There are 3,500 corporate members throughout the network, including America's top publicly-owned, privately-owned and foreign-owned companies as well as universities, hospitals and other buying institutions. The Regional Councils certify and match more than 16,000 Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American-owned businesses with member corporations that want to purchase their goods and services.

Ms. Wright is an attorney and former procurement executive with a broad range of professional experience in the corporate and private sectors. Most recently, she was executive director of Orchard Village, a not-for-profit organization that serves individuals with developmental and physical disabilities.

Ms. Wright honed her leadership, strategic planning and management skills during a 13-year career in the telecommunications industry. She began her career as an attorney at Indiana Bell, a subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation. She rose through the executive ranks to become vice president of procurement and property services, where she managed the acquisition of \$4 billion annually in goods and services, and introduced strategic sourcing across the \$33 billion enterprise. After a merger between Ameritech Corporation and SBC Corporation, she was named president of Ameritech Illinois—then the largest communications company in Illinois with \$4.5 billion in annual operating revenues. She was responsible for all regulatory, legislative and external relations activities.

Ms. Wright earned a bachelor's degree from Dennison University and a juris doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.