

# *The Least Traveled Road*

*News affecting the Wisconsin, Iowa and Central Illinois Minority Supplier Development Council*

February 2011

## Partners for Profit Award Nominations

[Click here](#) to submit your nominations!

## The Business Council Annual Strategic Partnership Luncheon

24 February 2011  
The Italian Conference  
Center - Milwaukee  
Wisconsin

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## Ameren-ComEd Supplier Diversity Symposium



29-30 March  
2011  
Ameren -  
Springfield, IL

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## Wisconsin Minority Business Management Seminar

5-9 June 2011  
UW-Madison - Madison, WI

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## Greetings!

## Elizabeth Carroll Appointed Manager, Enterprise Supplier Diversity - Deere & Company



As John Deere continues to grow, diverse suppliers will be critical to their success. Their strongest focus on supplier diversity will be in the U.S. in FY 2011. In addition, their global growth ambitions will add additional requirements around the world. In this position, Elizabeth will be responsible for providing leadership for Deere & Company's Enterprise Supplier Diversity activities.

Elizabeth received a double major in Accounting and Finance from Augustana College and an MBA from St. Ambrose University. She began her career in public accounting before joining John Deere where she served in a variety of areas including investments, consolidations, internal audit, risk management, recruiting and supply management.

In her most recent assignment as Cost Management Specialist, Elizabeth was the project leader within Cost Management for the development of Total Cost Solutions as well as the Enterprise Financial Risk Process.

## Ulice Payne Named Keynote Speaker of the Partners for Profit Business to Business Symposium

Ulice Payne, Managing Member of Addison-Clifton, LLC, has been named Keynote Speaker of the Partners for Profit Business to Business Symposium, which will take place at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin, on 25 March 2011.

Addison-Clifton, LLC is an advisor regarding global trade compliance solutions. As Managing Member, Mr. Payne is responsible for day-to-day operations. He previously served as the Managing Partner at the headquarter office of Foley & Lardner LLP law firm and as Chair of the International Business Team at the firm, where he represented global and domestic companies in cross-border transactions.



Mr. Payne is a member and former Chair of the U.S. Department of Commerce - Wisconsin District Export Council, Co-chair of the China Business Council of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, former Chair of the Customs Law Committee of the

Section of International Law and Practice of the American Bar Association, a member of the Wisconsin Bar Association and former Chair of the International Section, and served as Wisconsin Commissioner of Securities from 1985 to 1987.

Mr. Payne received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Marquette University in 1978 and his Juris Doctor degree from Marquette University Law School in 1982. He studied in the Masters of Law program at the University of London, England from 1986-1988. Mr. Payne received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Marian College of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin in 2004.

Mr. Payne currently serves on the Board of Directors of Manpower Inc. (NYSE), Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Wisconsin Energy Corporation (NYSE) and National Board of Directors of the YMCA of the USA (Chair).

For event and registration information, please visit <http://pfp2011.eventbrite.com/>.

## John Deere Supplier Diversity Symposium

**1 March 2011**  
**The RiverCenter - Davenport, IA**



**JOHN DEERE**

The John Deere Supplier Diversity Symposium provides a forum for minority business owners and buying decision makers to gain insight into the issues that affect John Deere's current business environment and supplier diversity initiative. This year's event will include a buyer's forum that will allow minority-owned businesses to meet with John Deere buyers and select contractors.

For event and registration information, please visit <http://johndeeresds2011.eventbrite.com/>.