

# National Minority Supplier Development Council

By NMSDC

*Editor's note: We encourage you to get to know the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). Below is content from their website "About" page. Visit <https://nmsdc.org/>*

Founded in 1972, the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) is the longest-operating business growth engine for the broadest group of systematically excluded communities of color (Asian-Indian, Asian-Pacific, Black, Hispanic, and Native American), and our impact goes far beyond supply chain. It's about upward mobility for the emerging majority of Americans, an equal shot at participating in the American experiment of free-market capitalism and entrepreneurship. Our work is about correcting the unequal access to wealth-building opportunities.

**Our Mission**

To serve as a growth engine for NMSDC certified minority businesses and enable our members to advance economic equity.

We create connections between minority business enterprises (MBEs) and corporations, MBEs and the public sector, and MBEs and other MBEs, to help them benefit from each other, stoking entrepreneurship and growing wealth for these systemically excluded communities.

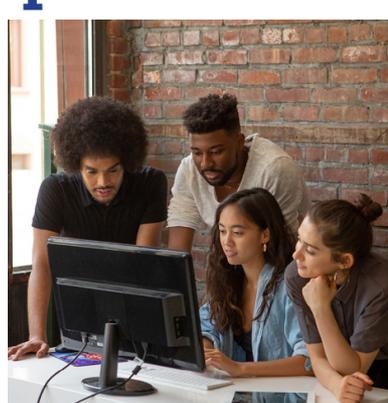
**Our Vision**

To be the leading organization for driving socioeconomic equity and generational wealth in communities of color.

We build capacity and capabilities through our programs and other educational offerings that help close the wealth gap, the key to creating a more united and prosperous society for all.

**Our Impact**

For the last fifty years, NMSDC has been advocating access to the American dream for MBEs. Our success is historic and unmatched: over 16,000 MBEs connected to more than 1,700 corporations, resulting in \$482.1 billion in economic output annually, sustaining 1.8 million jobs, with \$136.4 billion in total wages earned. We are the



nation's largest, most impactful, and most successful nonprofit advocacy organization for MBEs. Proving growth for MBEs is growth for all.

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