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World Pac Paper Earns Regional Recognition

The South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council Names It's MBE's for the Year 2010

November 12, 2010 (WEST CHESTER, OHIO) - In recognition of the economic power of certified minority businesses that have grown tremendously and have exceeded corporate America's expectations, the South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC) presented the CEO of World Pac Paper, LLC with the *MBE of the Year Award, (Class III-Annual sales more than \$10 million)*. The awards ceremony was held during its 2010 Annual Awards Gala & Silent Auction on Friday, November 12th, at the Savannah Center in West Chester, Ohio. The event also honored the commitment of corporations (Corporate Members) who have an outstanding record of supplier diversity involvement with minority owned businesses. This event served to also highlight the focus of 2011, which is to assist Corporate Members to grow their spend with certified MBEs, facilitating strategic partnerships between certified MBEs and increasing the number of associates employed by MBEs. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Courtis Fuller, News Anchor NBC Affiliate WLWT. The evening's Keynote Speaker was Emmy[®] Award winning broadcaster Ed Gordon.

"We are very proud and humbled to be selected for this 'MBE of the Year Award.' Many corporations understand that investing in businesses owned by minorities, not only, makes good business sense, but it is an investment in the future growth of the U.S. economy" said Edgar L. Smith, Jr., Chairman & CEO, World Pac Paper, LLC.

The *MBE of the Year Award, (Class III)* goes to that certified minority business enterprise who has demonstrated outstanding quality and service. They also exemplify a strong potential for expansion and development, regardless of the prevailing economic environment. Edgar L. Smith, Jr., Chairman and CEO of World Pac Paper, LLC accepted the prestigious award on behalf of World Pac Paper, LLC. He was in attendance with members of his management and sales team, guests and corporate customers. This prestigious award places World Pac Paper in the nominating pool for the 2011 NMSDC Regional Supplier of the Year Award, presented annually by the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc.

About World Pac Paper, LLC

World Pac Paper, LLC, an *Inc.* 500 and award winning company, is a national distributor of high quality printing & packaging papers and packaging solutions that is a minority business enterprise incorporated in June 2004. World Pac Paper, LLC serves the Fortune 500/1000, commercial printers, catalogers, book and magazine publishers, integrated and independent corrugated converters, folding carton box manufacturers, tube winders, laminators and paper converters, as well as the foodservice industry.

About the South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC)

The South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC) is an affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, Inc. (NMSDC), and is located in Cincinnati, OH.



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It is a Council dedicated to working with the most innovative and performance-driven minority owned business enterprises and connecting them to Corporate Members who are committed to ensuring the diversity of their supply base. It is the Council's goal to create a thriving business community that reflects the diversity of the geographic region it serves. The SCOMSDC is committed to working everyday to create powerful opportunities to grow and build the capacity of certified minority businesses.

Formed in 1999, SCOMSDC has over 30 years of combined experience in assisting in the development of mutually beneficial relationships between minority-owned businesses and corporations. With offices in Cincinnati, Columbus and Dayton, SCOMSDC has over 140 Corporate Members and 400 certified MBEs.

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