



Minority Enterprise & Educational Development, Inc. (MEED) is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to positively impact Colorado's minority communities by providing educational opportunities, empowering minority businesses and recognizing business successes of minority ventures and giving voice to the power of collaboration through scholarships, training and celebration of the state's cultural diversity. MEED will honor five outstanding minority businesses, an advocate and a corporation who have made a concerted effort to work with minority businesses. The categories are:

- **MINORITY CONSTRUCTION FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **MINORITY MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **MINORITY SUPPLIER/DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **MINORITY SERVICE FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **MINORITY RETAIL FIRM OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **MINORITY BUSINESS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD**
- **CORPORATION OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Minority Business Awards recipients will be presented at an Awards Reception. Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week is a week that has been set aside, for the last twenty-five years to honor successful minority entrepreneurs. The week is celebrated locally, regionally and nationally and was originally started by the President Reagan in 1982. Over the years many events have been organized to pay tribute to the small businesses and the individuals who run them. Training seminars, empowerment breakfasts, business open houses, trade fairs, award luncheons and banquets are just some of the events that have taken place. MED Week will be celebrated September 13-17, 2010.

All Nominations should contain sufficient information for each category as requested. Selection will be based solely on information submitted. Please do not submit videotapes. Please make a note that award winners from 2006 to 2009 cannot be nominated again.

**The deadline for submission of the Award Nominations is May 3, 2010**

**Please mail nominations to: Minority Enterprise & Educational Development, Inc.  
3405 Gilpin St.  
Denver, CO 80205**

You are welcome to make copies and distribute the nomination forms. If you have any questions, or need assistance with the nomination form, please don't hesitate to call the MEED Office at 303-296-2969.

Partners: The Council-RMMSDC, Denver Metro SBDC, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce, Colorado State Minority Business Office, City of Denver Office of Economic Development, Minority Enterprise & Educational Development, Small & Disadvantaged Business Opportunities Council, The Latina Chamber, Denver International Airport