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# Office for Supplier Diversity Newsletter

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## MP Uptown

*Printing in Minneapolis for over  
25 years*



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### Supplier Spotlight:

**Minuteman Press Uptown** is a BIPOC-owned Union printer that specializes in quick turnaround last-minute projects. MP Uptown is competent in creating timely solutions to meet the demands of critical projects and aggressive deadlines. “We Print Everything” is their motto.

Not only is MP Uptown’s corporate mission to be the best choice for any organization needing help communicating with their stakeholders (customers, prospects, members, donors, shareholders and

employees), but they also have a social mission in the community. MP Uptown has a deep dedication to serving the community by giving second chances for those who have a record, because no one wants to be remembered for the worst thing they've done in their life.

Located on 4024 Washington Ave North in Minneapolis, MP Uptown has worked with the Office for Supplier Diversity in numerous projects delivering faster than you can thank them. Meet Business Owner Frank Brown and the whole staff, including canine guest greeter Stella, at MP Uptown for all your printing needs!

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*Upcoming Events - Office for Supplier Diversity*

## **Black Family Business Success - Access to Capital Virtual Event**

**12/1/23, 12:00 - 1:00pm**

This virtual event was created to address painpoints from our audience at last Spring's Black Family Business Success event. This event allows attendees to choose a track to attend: early-stage/startup, growing your business or scale/market share. Each room will have a joint presentation from a local banker with experience serving owners of color at these stages, teamed with experts from NDC, NEON and MEDA.

-There will be time for Q&A after.

-The Zoom link will be sent out one day before the event.  
Register Here!

## **Emerge! Elevate! Excel! Advice & Resources for Every Step of Your Contracting Journey**

**12/6/23, 8:30am - 12:00pm**

**Point of Contact: Tammy Gaglioti (651) 201-2430**

**Location: University of Minnesota Robert J. Jones Urban Research & Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis MN 55411**

Join the Department of Administration's Office of Equity in Procurement (OEP) and APEX Accelerator (APEX) for a program highlighting the state's efforts and resources to assist small businesses wherever they are at in their contracting journey. Program highlights include a short overview of recent legislative changes to enhance opportunities for small businesses in state contracting, a panel of small businesses and resource partners to discuss finding resources and how to leverage them for success, and dedicated networking time to foster relationships between businesses and the resources on hand.

Invited resources include Association of Women Contractors, Black Women's Wealth Alliance, Cargill, Meda, Medtronic, University of Minnesota, and US Bank.

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## 2023 Supplier Diversity Expo Recap

Tuesday, October 10th from 9:00 - 3:00 PM

### Your 2023 Awards Incentive & Recognition Award Winners

#### Michael Clements / University of Minnesota Star Award

For supporting the University's diversity and inclusion initiatives. Michael developed a process in university stores to identify suppliers in university's stores that are produced, manufactured and sold by protective class suppliers. This was an amazing initiative to maximize

inclusion for WMBE's and increase utilization in university stores for protected class suppliers.

**JE Dunn Construction / General Contractor of the Year Award**

For showing unwavering commitment and support to protected class contractors and suppliers. They continue to meet or exceed proposed inclusion goals in constructive disciplines.

**Parameters, Inc. 2023 Supplier of the Year**

For established a mentoring relationship with Ideal Commercial Interiors. They have developed a partnership to utilize Ideal on a number of major university furniture projects. The relationship/mentorship has helped Ideal to grow and strengthen their business.

**Central Roofing / Stellar Award for Protective Class Business**

To recognize their commitment to providing job site atmosphere that encourages inclusion and embraces diversity.

**Valdes Lawn Care & Snow Removal, LLC / Stellar Award for Protective Class Business**

To recognize their commitment to providing job site atmosphere that encourages inclusion and embraces diversity.

**Capital Project Management Team / Richard Pfutzenreuter III Award of Excellence**

CPM represents leadership, community outreach and dedication to diversity and inclusion in every aspect of construction management. CPM has a history of providing a positive job site atmosphere that encourages inclusion and embraces diversity.

**Michael Volna / Richard Pfutzenreuter III Award of Excellence**

For his outstanding commitment and support to the University of Minnesota and the Office for Supplier Diversity. In 2001, Mr. Volna attended our first Supplier Diversity Expo in the Great Hall at McNamara Alumni Center. And, when the event became larger than all of the campus venues and we moved to St Paul, Mr. Volna continued to support the supplier diversity office and with the exception of the two years that we did not have an Expo due to COVID, Mr. Volna has attend “every expo. “ Mr. Volna is an advocate for inclusion and continues to support the university’s initiatives to maximize diversity and inclusion.



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