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Louisville MSD's commitment to Supplier Diversity earns the utility regional recognition

This year, businesses owned and operated by minorities will oversee millions of dollars of work for Louisville MSD. The agency is focused on supplier diversity, and the Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council (TSMSDC) has recognized the effort by awarding MSD its 2019 Impact—Corporation of the Year Award. MSD received the award during an event on May 2, in Nashville Tennessee. The council represents government agencies and other nonprofit organizations in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia.

The Impact Awards recognizes organizations for their outstanding efforts in advancing minority supplier development, leadership engagement, influence, active TSMSDC participation, and purchasing opportunities for certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) affiliated with the National Minority Supplier Development Council and TSMSDC.

"MSD is honored to receive this recognition," says MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott. "We believe it is important that we spend our ratepayer dollars in a way that reflects the diversity of the community. Investing in the health, safety, and quality of life for our contracting community and ratepayers is an investment worth making. I encourage other companies to join our efforts."

"Our commitment is shown in our numbers. In our fiscal year 2018, MSD spent more than \$26 million with MBE firms, many within the Greater Louisville Metro Area," states One Water Chief Procurement Officer Rene' Thomas.

"TSMSDC values its continued strategic relationship with Louisville MSD, and being selected as 'Corporation of the Year' rewards its commitment to and support of diversity and inclusion. Congratulations for the outstanding and extraordinary contributions in developing and expanding business opportunities for minority suppliers" noted Cheri K. Henderson, President & CEO at TSMSDC.



About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 650 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.