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NMSDC Names MarkMaster, Inc. National Supplier of the Year

The National Minority Supplier Development Councils (NMSDC) awards MarkMaster, Inc. the National Supplier of the Year. This honor constitutes a milestone for the company as the first national title.

Tampa, FL, Nov. 1, 2009 -- MarkMaster, Inc. was honored with the National Supplier of the Year award by the NMSDC, with sales between \$10 million and \$50 million. This award is given to the company that best displays excellence in business acumen and community service in their sales division. The announcement was made on October 28th, 2009 at the NMSDC Awards Banquet following its annual conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

"Mark and his company are much deserved for winning NMSDC Supplier of the Year. Mark is truly the "Master" of creating and developing relationships with customers," said Malik Ali, President of FMSDC. "MarkMaster needs to be the company that all other firms need to benchmark as the standard for customer service."

MarkMaster, Inc. was awarded the Regional Supplier of the Year in 1994, 1995, 2005 and 2009 but this marks the company's first national title. Mark Govin accepted the award and thanked many members of the council including the late Dorothy Brothers. "I have a special thank you to someone that can no longer be with us," said Govin. "Dorothy Brothers was my mentor and friend. She used to call me one of her boys. It is a privilege to be part of this organization."

MarkMaster, Inc. is a Hispanic owned company specializing in marking and identification products including signs, stamps, banners, awards and name badges. Established in 1933, founder Armand Govin's humble beginnings included selling rubber stamps door-to-door. Since then the family business has grown steadily. Today MarkMaster, Inc. is run by brothers Kevin Govin (CEO) and Mark Govin (President). With a staff of more than eighty employees, MarkMaster, Inc. serves over 3,000 customers on 2.5 million desktops across sixty Fortune 500 companies.

MarkMaster supports a number of organizations, including Clouds of Hope, KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund, the National Breast Cancer Foundation and the Special Olympics of Florida. They also sponsor the MarkMaster Latino Scholarship which annually sends two Hispanic students to prestigious Florida Universities.

For more information about MarkMaster, Inc., call (800) 441-6275 or visit the website at www.markmasterinc.com.

About NMSDC

Providing a direct link between corporate America and minority-owned businesses is the primary objective of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, one of the country's leading business membership organizations. It was chartered in 1972 to provide increased procurement and business opportunities for minority businesses of all sizes.

The NMSDC Network includes a national office in New York and 38 Regional Councils across the country. There are 3,500 corporate members throughout the network, including America's top publicly-owned, privately-owned and foreign-owned companies as well as universities, hospitals and other buying institutions. The Regional Councils certify and match more than 15,000 minority-owned businesses with member corporations that want to purchase their goods and services.

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