

Thinking Big and Bigger

2008 – MEGA DEALS are recognized.

To counter the myth that all minority businesses are small, the Council initiated MEGA DEALS -- awards showcasing minority businesses that performed on contracts worth more than \$25 million annually and their buying entity business partners.

In addition in 2009, the Council and State Senator Royce West collaborate to create the free *Doing Business Texas Style* Spot Bid Fair at the ACCESS Business Expo. (The efforts will go on to achieve more than \$5.2 million in awards by 2018.)

The Council initiates the BUY THOSE THAT BUY US™ Building Capacity grant for MBEs to grow their business. *More than \$121,850 cash and \$25,000 in-kind training has been awarded as of 2017.*

Continuing a legacy of delivering leadership to NMSDC, D/FW MBDC provides additional support and leadership when Terri Quinton is elected as the first female to lead the National MBE Input Committee, representing more than 15,000 MBEs, serving on both the NMSDC Executive Committee and NMSDC Board of Directors. Quinton's overall leadership helped reposition the MBEIC as a valuable team member of NMSDC, lending support and voice to minority business inclusion nationwide.