

2018 BTTBU™ Capacity Building Scholarships Awarded

The Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council named its 2018 BTTBU™ Capacity Building Scholarship winners at the September Quarterly Buyer's Luncheon.

The winners were:

- Alexander Debo with Alex Debo Installations, LLC. received OSHA 30 courses presented by the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association
- Glenn Bradley with Big Hit Creative Group received funds for a custom server and photo quality printer
- Jean Ferreira with Ferreira Holding Group, LLC received funds towards the purchase of computers and wireless printer
- Margarita Aguilar with IS Productions, Inc received funds towards the purchase of expanded hard drive storage capacity
- Sergio Godinez with Versa Printing Inc. received funds for software that allows clients the ability to design their marketing pieces online

The five winners received up to \$5000 in cash or in-kind training to meet a specific business need to help grow their business.

“The winners were able to describe and quantify a specific need and dollar amount needed to help them grow their business,” said Heather Herndon-Wright, co-chair of the BUY THOSE THAT BUY US™ committee and chair of the judges who picked the winning submissions.

The total amount awarded was \$20,000 and additional \$3500 in-kind OSHA training to be conducted by the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association.

Growing the capacity of certified minority business suppliers is a core initiative of the Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council. Each year, awards of up to \$5,000 are granted to MBE(s). The recipient(s) must be a D/FW MSDC

certified MBE who has been certified by the Council for at least two years. The recipient must identify a critical need for their business that, if met, will support the growth and development of the business. A total of \$141,850 has been awarded to deserving MBEs to-date and \$24,500 in in-kind training scholarships.

The Council recognized the scholarship sponsors – Toyota, Oncor, Nokia, Ericsson, Bank of America, Austin Commercial and Lockheed Martin. In addition, MBE contributors to the fund were Group O, Ampcus, Telcom Electric Supply, World Wide Technology, Asociar and Zones.