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### **Powerlink Facilities Management Services— One of Detroit's Fastest Growing Companies, Wins Supplier of the Year Award**

Powerlink Facilities Management Services, one of Detroit's fastest growing companies, recently received the Class II Minority Supplier of the Year Award from the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council. Nominated and supported by their customers, the company was recognized for its outstanding growth, business operations and commitment to the community.

In the past year alone, Powerlink more than doubled its revenue, growing to more than 600 employees – 400 of which are located within the city of Detroit. These employees are highly trained, and specialize in healthcare, education, energy and manufacturing services.

Powerlink Facilities Management Services, an ISO-9001 certified minority owned company, was nominated by Henry Ford Health System for this prestigious award. The nomination was supported by several of Michigan's top companies and organizations, including Chase Bank, Steelcase, Kaufman Foundation and Sodexo Education, for their unprecedented customer services focus.

“At Henry Ford Health System, we're very proud to work with Powerlink as an important strategic partner, who brings well-trained staff to provide high quality services to our internal and external customers every day,” said Nancy Schlichting, Henry Ford Health System. “It's only fitting that they were recognized as a ‘Corporation of the Year’ by MMBDC, since they demonstrate excellence every day and are a role model company.”

Most recently, one of Powerlink's major accomplishments was its partnership with Sodexo Education to supply building engineering services for more than 120 Detroit Public Schools. “Detroit Public Schools is Sodexo's largest facility management contract in North America and Powerlink was a natural choice,” said Brad Lozier, Senior Vice President, Sodexo Education. “Powerlink was extremely prepared for every function of the selection process and became a leader of our Detroit headquartered partners.”

The company's growing recognition is a direct result of its unprecedented customer service focus. As part of its commitment to minority business development, Powerlink is dedicated to supporting Minority Business Enterprises and MBE programs. Powerlink's unique facilities management service differs from its competitors due to its superior human resources practices and innovative approach to cultivating employees, through a comprehensive system of selection, training, coaching and development.

“When given opportunity, training, and leadership, employees are more productive and generate exceptional service experiences for our clients and their customers” said Link Howard III, President and CEO.

Combined, the winners of this year's Annual Stars of Diversity Awards developed more than \$12 billion in contract opportunities to members of the MMSDC. Hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies, WDIV's Rhonda Walker, this year's awards were given by Louis Green, President/CEO of MMSDC and featured guests including Mayor Dave Bing and Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Powerlink's headquarters and training facility is located at 3031 West Grand Blvd. in Detroit's New Center One Building. For more information, visit [www.powerlinkonline.com](http://www.powerlinkonline.com) or **contact Scott Rice, Chief Operating Officer at 313-309-2020.**

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