

Georgia Power recognized for its commitment to minority business development



Pictured from left to right with the Crystal Award, presented by the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, are Monique Carter, supplier development consultant; Barbette Hill, supplier development consultant; Vickie Irwin, manager, Supplier Diversity; Rick Harrison, director, Supply Chain; Glenda Stinson, supplier development consultant; and Deb Mackins, supplier development consultant. Team member Crystal King, supplier development consultant, isn't pictured.

Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016 – Recently, Georgia Power's supplier diversity team accepted the Crystal Award, one of the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council's (GMSDC) most prestigious awards. Georgia Power earned the organization's second-highest corporate award for its commitment to minority business development through programs, corporate spending and the creation of significant procurement opportunities for minority-owned businesses.

The special recognition came during the GMSDC's 34th annual Spirit of Alliance Awards program, which honored individuals, businesses and government entities for their contributions to supplier diversity in the state.

"This award speaks to Georgia Power's commitment to cultivating an environment that supports the growth and success of minority-owned businesses throughout Georgia," said Vickie Irwin, supplier diversity manager. "It demonstrates that we recognize the importance of creating

programs and opportunities that allow for successful business partnerships and collaborations with minority-owned companies, which provide innovative solutions and value to our supply chain as well as contribute to our ability to deliver reliable and safe energy to customers.”

In addition, Donna Cowan, supply chain management team leader, and Angela Ferguson, senior buyer, earned GMSDC Buyer of the Year awards for providing contract opportunities to minority-owned businesses.

Also, Peña Consulting, which provides mentoring and development services to Georgia Power, was named Supplier of the Year at the Class 1 level. Class 1 companies have annual sales of less than \$1 million. Peña Consulting was nominated by Georgia Power.