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## Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce receives resolution from MWRD Commissioners for efforts to assist small business owners

“Breaking Barriers in the 21st Century” is the theme of this year’s Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce’s 44th annual awards gala later this month, and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Vice President Barbara J. McGowan and Commissioner Patricia Horton presented a resolution to Carnice Carey, Executive Director of the Chamber, to honor the organization for its work.

The event will be held at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago on Oct. 19.

“Thank you to the Board of Commissioners for this resolution,” said Carey. “The Chamber continues to offer assistance to small business owners to ensure they are involved in contract opportunities in the state of Illinois which is our primary mission. We strive to fulfill our mission by partnering with various businesses and agencies. We appreciate the MWRD’s continued support of small and minority businesses.”

The Chamber is the second oldest interracial diversity business organization in the nation. They provide seminars, technical assistance, training and certification programs. They also support small business development and growth through partnerships with public and private organizations and through community outreach.

Established in 1933, the Chamber’s mission is to promote the creation and expansion of small, minority and female-owned businesses through capital development and government contracting.

The awards gala honors and recognizes the achievements and contributions of minority businesspersons and community leaders.

Vice President McGowan, who is also chairman of the Affirmative Action Committee, said that “the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago’s Board continues to advocate for and support the aspirations of minority communities and small businesses.”



*Carnice Carey, center, accepted a resolution from MWRD Commissioner Patricia Horton, left, and MWRD Vice President Barbara J. McGowan, right, in honor of the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce’s work.*

More information about the Cosmopolitan Chamber of Commerce can be found at <http://cosmococ.org/home.php>, and more information about the MWRD can be found at [www.mwrdd.org](http://www.mwrdd.org).

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