

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Awards Tucker Construction Group its Diverse Contractor of the Year Award



Ward Tucker, President/Owner, Tucker Construction Group
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Baltimore – Tucker Construction Group, Inc. (Tucker Construction Group) is being recognized by Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) with a *Supplier Diversity-Diverse Contractor of the Year* award, for its efforts to improve the overall participation of diverse suppliers within BGE’s supply chain. The award is an acknowledgment that by increasing the number of diverse subcontractors, Tucker Construction Group is helping BGE move closer toward a goal set by the Maryland Public Service Commission that BGE use its best effort to award 25 percent of the utility’s outsourced spending to minority, women and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. The award was presented on Jan. 25, 2012 in Catonsville, Md.

Tucker Construction Group is committed to supplier diversity, and like BGE, wants to ensure its contractors and subcontractors reflect the many different cultures and backgrounds of its customers and communities in which they do business. Ward Tucker, President of Tucker Construction Group also stated that it fully embraces the value of diversity in the supply chain and he is honored to accept award on behalf of his company.

In early 2011, BGE’s Supplier Diversity office met with 20 of its prime contractors to encourage them to increase their use of diverse suppliers. Despite economic fluctuations in the utility industry, Tucker Construction Group developed a diverse supplier base and submitted a detailed subcontracting plan to BGE.

“BGE’s Supplier Diversity Diverse Contractor of the Year Award is reserved for the Diverse Contractor that excel in their commitment to support BGE’s supplier diversity goal set by the Maryland Public Service Commission that we use our best effort to award 25 percent of the utility’s outsourced spending to minority, women and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses”, said Frank Kelly, Director of Supplier Diversity.

Criteria for this honor is based upon:

Partnership/Networking

Ability to partner with BGE prime contractor as a subcontractor

Outreach Support

Participation in outreach events

Number of diverse suppliers utilized on BGE's system

Regulatory and legislative

Diverse Supplier Development

Percentage of diverse inclusion spend

Tucker Construction Group continues to actively seek diverse suppliers through attendance at local business fairs and events. Tucker Construction Group is a supporting member of the Maryland Washington Minority Contractors Association (MWMCA) and has worked with MWMCA to identify prospective diverse partners who can supply the services required to fulfill contractual obligations to BGE. During these events and other outreach efforts, Tucker Construction Group takes every opportunity to help grow diverse businesses.

In closing Mr. Kelly had this to say, "Mr. Tucker has developed high-quality relationships with some of the larger utility contractors in the region and is open and ready to develop similar relationships with new partners, big or small. He has positioned his company to be highly competitive in a market segment where diverse supplier inclusion has been traditionally under represented. Ward Tucker's approach and strategies to supplier diversity inclusion is changing the ways that utility construction contractors are doing business and has proven to be overwhelmingly beneficial to BGE, our customers and the communities we serve."