

Delta, Chris Collette acknowledged by Georgia minority development council

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Photo: Chris Collette, named executive of the year, and Karmetria Burton, with the George Lottier Rising Star Award on behalf of Delta.

Delta was awarded the George Lottier Rising Star Award Friday during the 2011 Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council's Spirit of Alliance Awards for demonstrating the most significant advancement of their minority business development program during the last year. And Chris Collette, s.v.p.-Supply Chain Management, was named executive of the year.

Delta received five nominations: Corporation of the Year; George Lottier Rising Star of the Year; Chris Collette, s.v.p.-Supply Chain Management, was nominated for Executive of the Year; Karmetria Burton, general manager-Supplier Diversity, was nominated for Advocate of the year; and Jill Samson, manager of strategic sourcing-SCM, was nominated for Staffing Buyer of the Year.

"Under the leadership of Chris Collette, David Huseeth and especially Karmetria Dunham-Burton, Delta Supply Chain Management has made tremendous progress in focusing our diverse spending efforts that has resulted in the expansion of our diverse supplier spending," said Steve Gorman, e.v.p. and chief operating officer. "I am excited that their efforts were recognized by the GMSDC and the Georgia business community. Plus, Chris being name executive of the year for providing strong leadership in driving diverse spending initiatives really capped off a great evening."

The Spirit of Alliance Awards is held annually to celebrate corporate members and certified suppliers who act as trailblazers in minority-supplier development in Georgia.

"Delta Air Lines is very pleased and proud to be recognized for its efforts in significantly improving its supplier diversity spending performance," Chris said. "The awards and recognition received from the GMSDC are a result of the commitment and achievements of the entire team of Delta's Supply Chain Management sourcing professionals. We are most excited about having developed supplier diversity processes under Karmetria's guidance that are an essential part of our core sourcing processes and will continue to produce even further growth in our future supplier diversity spending."

