

Our Mission:

To increase purchases of goods and services by large companies and Government entities from Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, HUB-Zone, and Service Disabled Veteran businesses

USDC 2010 Goals

January 2010

President's Message

Dear Utah Supplier Development Council (USDC) Members,

Well it's out with the old and in with the new. 2009 was a tough year in so many ways, for so many people, especially our small business community. The financial and economic experts forecast a slow but steady rise in economic trends for this year, so we say welcome to 2010 and bring it on!! May she be full of hope, humor and happiness for all of you!

A Year in Review

Among the 2009 highlights included an increase in USDC membership and with it, a robust turnout at all of our monthly meetings/luncheons. Our board chair, Randi Ruff, was named Minority Small Business Person of the year by the Small Business Administration for her tireless efforts in advocating for minority small businesses. The Board created a new website, and had Robert Kirby, columnist with the Salt Lake Tribune, as our keynote speaker at our Annual Meeting last March.

USDC is keeping the excitement going! If you attended the November luncheon, you will recall that USDC announced a secret special guest speaker for January! I am pleased to announce that Amanda Dickson, co-host of the KSL Grant & Amanda Radio Program (from 5:00 am – 9:00 am), will be our guest speaker at our next meeting/luncheon on January 21st. Amanda Dickson's boundless energy, infectious laugh, and passion for life have made her a well-known personality as a radio morning show co-host, author, and motivational speaker locally and nationally. She graduated from the University of Utah with a B.A. in English and a Juris Doctorate.

Start the New Year out right by joining USDC and Amanda Dickson for a message that is sure to keep you motivated throughout the year!!!



WHEN: January 21, 2010
WHERE: Salt Lake County Government Center
2001 South State Street, South Building – First Floor – Room S-1007
TIME: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM (Parking is available in east parking lots or in the public parking building).

Lunch will be catered and is free for all USDC Associate Members (one free lunch per membership). For Major Members and guests the cost is \$15.00.

Please RSVP at our website: www.usdcutah.com or by contacting Randi Ruff at: ruff@purchasing.utah.edu, 801-581-7450

Sincerely,

Chuck Spence
President, USDC