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### METRO BUILDING SUPPLIERS RECOGNIZED AS A TOP 100 MBE®

Capital Region MSDC awards Metro Building Suppliers, LLC (MBS) as one of the best in the region!

**Washington, DC, August 27, 2019** – The Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council (CRMSDC) announced that Shawn Hicks, President/CEO, Metro Building Suppliers was named a 2019 Top 100 MBE® winner. This prestigious award recognizes owners of minority business enterprises in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia who have demonstrated exceptional entrepreneurial accomplishments, a high level of professionalism, and have made substantial contributions to their community.

Established in 2007, the Top 100 MBE Awards® ceremony welcomes nearly 1,000 attendees in celebration of the creativity and innovation of regional MBEs who are role models and inspire the entire community.

Sharon R. Pinder, CRMSDC's president and CEO, says, "Our board of directors and our corporate members congratulate the 2019 Top 100 MBEs® on their stellar accomplishments. We are proud to add this year's class of winners to our circle of leadership."

The Top 100 MBE Awards® will be presented at the CRMSDC's *38<sup>th</sup> Annual Leaders and Legends Awards Ceremony*, on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the MGM National Harbor.

Shawn Hicks, Metro Building Suppliers President and CEO, says, "I am blessed and excited to be recognized among such an outstanding group of awardees. I am grateful to our MBS team, clients, partners and family for their commitment to the success of Metro Building Suppliers and our affiliated businesses. We look forward to continuing to help other businesses and make an impact in the community."

### **About Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council (CRMSDC)**

CRMSDC is celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a not-for-profit economic development organization supporting growth in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia through programs and services that help corporations enhance the diversity and innovation of their supply chains. CRMSDC connects corporate and government members to well established, certified minority-owned business enterprises.

We accomplish this through a rigorous process of certifying that MBE suppliers are at least 51% owned, controlled and operated by ethnic minorities; providing education and advice to certified businesses; and

finally, creating strategic opportunities for corporate members and certified MBEs to connect for the purpose of doing business.

CRMSDC, established in 1972, is one of 23 regional affiliates of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the only nationally recognized MBE certifying authority. CRMSDC is headquartered in Silver Spring Maryland.

CRMSDC also operates two programs funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) grants: (1) The MBDA Business Center, Washington D.C., helps minority-owned firms create jobs, compete in the global economy and grow their businesses, and (2) The Federal Procurement Center which is the nation's only federally-funded program solely dedicated to assisting MBEs in obtaining Federal contracts.

Together these three organizations form the *CRMSDC MBE Business Consortium*, the largest provider of MBE support services in the region.

#### About Metro Building Suppliers, LLC

Metro Building Suppliers (MBS) is an emerging supply company specializing in the distribution of a wide range of building materials. Our focus is servicing our clients in the Washington, DC and Baltimore, Maryland commercial and multi-family construction market. We are a full-service company organized as a one-stop shopping resource for contractors, construction managers, corporations, and government agencies. Our affiliated businesses support additional markets and services, including high-end residential renovations, commercial drywall and interiors, and organizational development consulting.

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