

Arab Termite & Pest Control Nominated for Prestigious National Business Award

Indianapolis-based Arab Termite & Pest Control recently became the first minority-owned pest management business in Indiana to win the coveted National Minority Supplier Development Council's (NMSDC) Regional Supplier of the Year award. The honor qualifies Arab for the prestigious National Supplier of the Year award, which will be presented at NMSDC's 2007 Conference and Business Opportunity Fair in Miami, Florida in late October.

Syed A. Shah, owner of Arab Termite & Pest Control Inc., is a past president of the Indiana Pest Management Association as well as a current member of the National Pest Management Association's Minorities in Pest Management and Commercial Division. This recognition is a testimonial that a PMP who is a Minority Business Entrepreneur (MBE) can compete equally with everyone else and distinguish themselves from their peers. Arab was previously the recipient of the BBB Gold Star Award and the Consumers Choice Award from 2002 through 2006.

Nominated by their corporate customers, Regional Supplier of the Year award winners are divided into four classes according to annual sales. Asian, African-American, Hispanic, and Native American businesses are evaluated on the basis of business growth, development and performance, community service and obstacles overcome as a result of heritage and background. One of the regional winners in each of the four classes will be named a national winner.

One of the country's leading business membership organizations, NMSDC was chartered in 1972 to provide increased procurement and business opportunities for minority businesses of all sizes. The NMSDC recognizes certified minority suppliers who have distinguished themselves and their business from their peers by:

- Successfully demonstrating growth in sales and employment while overcoming significant obstacles;
- Consistently providing high quality products and services at competitive prices, offering innovative approaches, and cost-saving ideas;
- Continuously growing MBEs to MBE purchases;
- Significantly contributing to the growth and development of society and their community.