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## ***SBA Forms Strategic Alliance with the National Association of Minority Contractors San Diego and Imperial County Chapter***

*Agreement improves access to technological information, education and local resources needed by entrepreneurs to start and grow small businesses*

**SAN DIEGO, CA** -- The U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) district office in San Diego has signed a strategic alliance with the newly formed San Diego and Imperial County Chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors (NAMC). The two organizations have pledged to work together to improve business access to technological information through educational opportunities and SBA resources while also providing maximum financial opportunities and training to entrepreneurs. The agreement was signed by SBA District Director Ruben Garcia and NAMC President/CEO Aldrica Lattimore.

"I am extremely pleased with the goals established by NAMC and their excellent leadership through Ms. Lattimore" said Garcia. "Aldrica has an excellent track record of assisting minority entrepreneurs to fulfill their small business aspirations and I know that NAMC will take advantage of SBA's programs to help more small business owners."

NAMC's mission is to provide education and training to minority contractors in construction; to promote the economic and legal interests of minority contractor firms; to advocate laws and governmental actions that concern minority contractors; to bring about more equitable and wider procurement and business opportunities; to reduce and remove the barriers to full equality which confront minority contractors; to build bridges between minority contractors and the parties or entities with whom they must work; to create a forum of sharing, developing and maintaining the highest professional standards and mutual support.

"NAMC members look forward to utilizing the resources available through SBA. We plan to work closely with SBA and Mr. Garcia to ensure that our members are able to maximize financial and training opportunities. We will give as much feedback and statistics necessary to ensure that NAMC's small business owners have a voice and collectively make a difference," says President/CEO Aldrica Lattimore.

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