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**Congratulations to Harold Charles, CEO of CEEPCO Contracting, LLC upon being named SBA Small Businessperson of the Year Award for Maryland at the 2014 Small Business Awards Ceremony on May 15, 2014 at US Chamber of Commerce.** CEEPCO, LLC is known for providing environmentally friendly engineering and construction, transportation, and operations and maintenance services. Mr. Charles created CEEPCO in 2003 and is currently working on USAID contracts to help rebuild Haiti’s infrastructure after the 2010 earthquake. Mr. Charles sees his work in Haiti as a way to give back to the community where he was raised. CEEPCO’s work has created more than 1200 jobs for Haitian nationals, and provided training to many small Haitian businesses.

O’Riordan Bethel is honored to have represented CEEPCO since 2007 and to have had the opportunity to support the company in its award-winning federal and international operations and service to the United States federal government, the United Nations and the Government of Haiti.

O’Riordan Bethel Law Firm, LLP also is proud to announce that our client **Vaani Malhotra, CEO of 77 Degrees West, LLC, has won the U.S. Women’s Chamber of Commerce’s Emerging Star Award.** This award is given to contractors that received their first government contract award within the past two years and are considered to be poised for future opportunities.

**77 Degrees West, LLC,** is a Washington, DC-based contracting company that is certified as a Women Owned Small Business (WOSB).The company provides services in case management, training and training development, information technology support services, engineering support services, multimedia support services, and management consultation services. Its executive team has over 25 years of experience in managing, leading and providing support to the United States Army and the United States Navy.

**TMC Technologies,** based in Fairmont, WV, recently played a key role in helping NASA launch a satellite.

- The Global Precipitation Measurement (GPM) Core Observatory satellite is a mission of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency. It is designed to measure rainfall and precipitation. The satellite was launched on Feb. 27.
- TMC was the prime contractor on a NASA contract in which a modeling and simulation product for the satellite was developed by the NASA Independent Verification and Validation Facility.

- TMC's team succeeded in creating the simulator, which emulated the hardware of the satellite. It was then possible to test the software to confirm that it would perform properly. This helped provide assurance to the agency that the software was ready for the mission. Further information about TMC and the project [can be found here](#).
- O'Riordan Bethel was proud to represent TMC in its successful defense against a bid protest of a second, follow-on contract. The GAO decision on the protest [can be found here](#).

**O'Riordan Bethel has also achieved quite a few things in the past couple of months:**

**On March 13, 2014, Managing Partner Carol L. O'Riordan** received formal recognition for her role as a founding member of the DC area chapter of NUCA, the National Utility Contractors Association. NUCA is the leading trade association working solely for the utility construction and excavation industry in the United States. NUCA-DC was founded in 2012 to bring together utility construction and excavation companies that are located in and work in the District of Columbia.

**On March 19, Managing Partner Carol O'Riordan** served as a panelist at the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Expo, Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The Panel addressed **Certification Opportunities in Corporate America**.

**On March 28, Carol O'Riordan** was a featured speaker at the **U.S. Women Owned Businesses: Federal Procurement Global Markets** conference hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Carol joined John Shoraka, SBA's Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development; Natalia Olson-Urtecho, SBA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator; Malda Brown, Procurement Contracting Representative, and representatives of U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Agency for International Development. hosts a Women-Owned Business Procurement Conference focused on using Federal procurement contracts as a way to enter international markets. The conference addressed expansion and growth strategies in the international markets.

**Executive Partner Pamela Bethel and Rev. Glen Benson hosted a meet and greet** with Lavern Chatman, Congressional Candidate for Virginia's 8th District on April 19, 2014 in Arlington, Virginia. Pamela supports Chatman because she sees her as "an exemplary community leader, mentor to youth, and successful nonprofit CEO."

- According to Pamela, Chatman has played a leading role in many charities and nonprofits and has dedicated her life to supporting people in the community who lack the resources to succeed. Chatman is being supported by many prominent leaders such as Oprah Winfrey, who recently endorsed Chatman at a fundraiser event a few weeks ago in Arlington, VA.
- As President and CEO of the Northern Virginia Urban League, Chatman focused on social justice, affordable housing, financial literacy and eliminating the education achievement gap. She worked closely with political leaders, businesses and churches to help thousands of children and families.
- At the event, Chatman spoke about the importance of mentoring youth, helping small businesses succeed and promoting equality among all Americans.

**On May 16, 2014, Executive Partner Pamela J. Bethel** participated as a panelist at a conference sponsored by the American Bar Association's Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. Ms. Bethel represented the National Bar Association, a predominantly African-American bar group, at the session at the Loews Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C.

- The three-day conference was part of the ABA's Minority Counsel Program (MCP). The DC program was intended to provide participants with programs designed to improve practical skills, facilitate relationship-building, and provide opportunities for career development.
- Pamela's presentation centered on the business impact of inclusion. She strongly believes that bringing minority companies and law firms into public and private projects of all sorts both helps bring about diversity and is good for business and the economy.

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