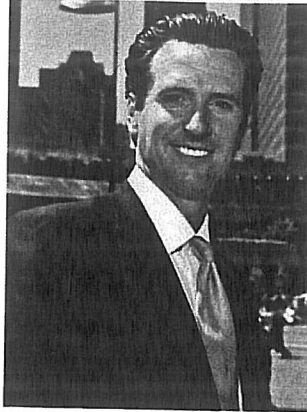


*San Francisco National Enterprise Center 2007
Minority Enterprise Development Week*



Anniversary



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to welcome all the participants of the 2007 U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week and congratulate the San Francisco Enterprise National Center on its 25th Silver Anniversary.

This year's theme of "Celebrating the Legacy of Innovation and Competitiveness" is especially pertinent to our city. San Francisco takes great pride in its diversity and the minority owned business sector whose new ideas, innovations and technologies continue to have a significant impact on the greater business community.

For more than 150 years, San Francisco has defined itself as the place to do business. I salute the local minority owned enterprises for their part in the continued growth of San Francisco's economic vitality.

Best wishes for a successful event; may our diverse communities continue to grow and prosper!

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature of Gavin Newsom in black ink. The signature is stylized, with a large 'G' and 'N' and a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gavin Newsom
Mayor



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Minority Business Development Agency
San Francisco Regional Office
221 Main Street, Room 1280
San Francisco, CA 94105



Distinguished Guests:

On behalf of the San Francisco National Enterprise Center (SFNEC) of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), U.S. Department of Commerce, I would like to welcome you to our 25th Anniversary Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Celebration and Awards Banquet! Yes, 25 years of successes and economic empowerment.

MBDA is the only federal agency designed to assist with the growth and development of minority business nationwide. This year's theme, "Celebrating the Legacy of Innovation and Competitiveness," was chosen to honor 25 wonderful years of entrepreneurship, advancement and economic resilience in the minority business community.

The SFNEC plays an instrumental role in supporting the Agency's vision to serve as an entrepreneurial organization serving minority entrepreneurs. Under a strategy of empowerment through enterprise, we are strongly committed to pursuing economic opportunities, procurement contracts, and financial capital on behalf of minority business enterprises. We are dedicated to this vision even more so today because being competitive in the 21st century global economy requires the full participation (and success) of all Americans and all U.S. businesses.

We offer the highest quality management and technical assistance through third-party service providers, and continue to utilize resources available from the private sector and from local governments in order to maximize the impact of the Federal investment. We will continue to ensure that all Americans are given every opportunity to compete in our country's economic arena.

This evening, we honor minority business men and women who have not only built successful businesses, but through their successes have developed career opportunities for many individuals, both minority and non-minority, and have added to the economic growth of our great country.

We are here to promote, recognize and honor outstanding minority businesses in our Region for 2007. Please join me in congratulating this year's winners and celebrating a job well done. Let's all contribute to another 25 years of record-breaking accomplishments!

Sincerely,

Linda Marie Marmolejo
Regional Director
San Francisco National Enterprise Center

Minority Technology Firm of the Year



*Enamul Hoque
President and CEO
Hoque & Associates*

Hoque and Associates, Inc. (HA) is a consulting engineering firm located in Phoenix, Arizona, specializing in geotechnical exploration and engineering, civil engineering, construction materials testing, environmental assessment and solid waste engineering. HA provides high quality, innovative, cost-effective and responsive services to public sector clients including city, county, state and federal agencies and private sector clients including architectural and engineering firms, contractors, materials suppliers, real estate developers and property owners.

Hoque & Associates was founded on February 7, 1997, at which time the company was named Hoque, Peters & Associates. The company was founded with two other minor partners. On March 31, 1998, the partners separated, resulting in the creation of the new company, Hoque & Associates which has been in operation ever since.

Enamul Hoque was born and brought up in a remote village in Bangladesh on the bank of the Meghna River in the early 1950s. He was one of six siblings in a community where poverty and desperation were a part of everyday life. While some might view the circumstances of his upbringing as deprived, Enamul views his childhood as a blessing. He learned from both his parents early on the importance of giving back to the community and carries on this tradition at Hoque & Associates, Inc.

Since his childhood, Enamul has been involved in volunteering his time in helping the less fortunate in Bangladesh and later here in the USA. While an undergraduate student pursuing an engineering degree, he was active in the slums of Dhaka city along the old railroad tracks, establishing and maintaining an evening school for the poor and destitute. His active participation in the community led him to work for Mother Teresa's organization. By performing engineering designs for hospitals, women's training centers, and community centers for Mother Teresa's organization, he found himself at the start of a life where community service would be an integral part of his professional life.

HA began in 1997 with less than 5 employees and annual revenue of \$290,000. Since then, HA has grown to 21 employees in 2007 with \$2.1 million in annual revenue last year and expects to exceed the \$2.2 million dollar mark this year. HA is a client of the Arizona Statewide Minority Business Enterprise Center.