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### **Zones Honored as Class IV Supplier of the Year by the National Minority Supplier Development Council** *Awarded for Outstanding Performance as a Minority Business Enterprise*

AUBURN, Wash., October 26, 2015 — [Zones, Inc.](#), today announced that it has been honored by the [National Minority Supplier Development Council](#) (NMSDC) as Class IV Supplier of the Year. The award was presented to Zones during the 2015 [NMSDC Conference](#) in San Diego.

Zones received this award for business acumen, outstanding performance and commitment to minority business development, as well as excellence in community service as a minority business enterprise (MBE). In August, Zones was named [2015 Regional Supplier of the Year by the NMSDC](#), which drove the company's eligibility for the national award.

“This award recognizes Zones’ accomplishments as a business. Zones delivers exceptional service to its many customers, is a dedicated participant in community service in and around the Seattle community, and has a demonstrated commitment to minority business development,” said NMSDC President Joset Wright-Lacy. “NMSDC is proud of Zones’ contribution to the NMSDC network.”

Based in Auburn, Wash., Zones is a certified MBE and Corporate Plus Member under the guidelines of the NMSDC and is a proud member of the [Northwest Mountain MSDC](#). Zones’ MBE certification allows organizations of all sizes the ability to meet their company’s diversity requirements.

“I’d like to express my appreciation to all Zones team members for making this award possible by offering world-class service to our customers on a daily basis,” said Firoz Lalji, chairman and co-founder of Zones. “We work to meet our customers’ IT needs with a full range of offerings, including global supply chain and logistics, software asset management and procurement, and advanced technology

solutions spanning mobility, cloud, security, the Internet of Things, and more. Importantly, I'd like to also thank the NMSDC for opening so many doors for Zones to demonstrate our global enterprise capabilities. We are proud to be affiliated with the NMSDC now and in the future.”

Zones is often recognized for excellence within its [MBE program](#). In addition to being named National and Regional Supplier of the Year by the NMSDC, Zones was also named [Diverse Supplier of the Year by Tyson Foods](#) and received a [Diversity Excellence Award from Microsoft](#) in 2015. Zones was also honored as [Premier, Inc.'s Supplier Diversity Award](#) winner in 2014. Zones' Lalji was also inducted into the MBE Hall of Fame and Museum in 2014.

### **About Zones**

Zones, Inc., supports business, healthcare, the public sector and specialty markets by applying innovative technology solutions across a variety of specializations including networking, security, software, storage, mobility, data center and virtualization. Zones holds the highest levels of technical certification from every key solution provider we represent, including Cisco Gold, EMC, Dell Server and Storage Technical, IBM System and Storage Technical, Hewlett Packard Enterprise and VMware Infrastructure, among others. Zones is a nine-time recipient of the Microsoft Excellence in Operations award. Incorporated in 1988, Zones is headquartered in Auburn, Wash., and is a certified MBE company.

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