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Rita Henderson, OMBD Director

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2007 Business of the Year

CHN Construction, LLC was named the OMBD's "2007 Minority Business of the Year" by Mayor L. Douglas Wilder at a reception on Wednesday, May 16, at the Richmond Public Library in Downtown Richmond.



Cecil Nedrick & Mayor Wilder

CHN Construction, LLC, formerly Kencil Construction, started operating in 1989 as a general contractor. Owners Cecil H. Nedrick Jr. and wife, Julia Nedrick initially worked out of their home but with growing demands for their services, they eventually expanded the business. In August 2000,

they moved their business into their new location on Roane Street in Richmond, Va. The Company currently has six employees.

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Outreach Workshops

The Office of Minority Business Development recently made a number of presentations throughout the state of Virginia in an effort to expand program awareness and service outreach. Staff members have been traveling throughout the metropolitan Richmond area and the state to acquaint as many businesses as possible with the services available through the OMBD.

The most recent outreach and training workshops were held during the American Public Works Association (APWA) regional conference in Newport News, Va. and the Central Virginia Business & Construction Association (CVBCA) seminar held on May 15 at the Science Museum of Virginia.

OMBD is committed to continued outreach for the purpose of keeping minority, emerging, and disadvantaged business enterprises involved in the full array of contracting opportunities available throughout the City of Richmond.

Recognition Ceremony for My Lan Tran

My Lan Tran, a member of the City's Office of Minority Business Development, was selected as the **U.S. Small Business Administration Virginia's and Region III's "Minority Small Business Champion of the Year."** Region III includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of the Columbia. "The City of Richmond is very fortunate indeed to have an individual such as Ms. Tran, who has the drive and commitment to make things happen for those who seek to establish and build their companies in our area," said OMBD

Director Rita Henderson. Mayor L. Douglas Wilder recognized Ms. Tran's accomplishments during a reception on Wednesday, May 16, at the Richmond Public Library in Downtown. Ronald E. Bew, district director, of the U.S. Small Business Administration, recognized Tran during the reception for her commitment.

As OMBD's program manager, Ms. Tran works tirelessly to advance contracting opportunities for local area minority and emerging businesses. One of Ms. Tran's most notable achievements is the development of the first

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Ms. Ji Xing

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Left to Right: Mayor Wilder, Julie Nedrick, and Rashonda Council

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CHN Construction, LLC's primary business objective is to provide general contracting, sub-contracting, project management, and construction management support to its clients. CHN, LLC has more than 20 years of collective and diverse experience, ranging from residential and commercial restoration to new construction and project management. CHN, LLC is certified by VDOT, DMBE, MBE, SWAM, HUBZONE, eVA registered and Lead Abatement for commercial and residential projects. CHN, LLC is a member of the Metropolitan Business League, The Builders' Exchange Association of Virginia, The Better Business Bureau and Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

My Lan Tran Honored

Continued from front Multicultural Business Solutions Center, both for Richmond and Virginia, which since 2006 has provided resource development and opportunities for emerging entrepreneurs. The Center is considered a national model on how to provide assistance to small business enterprises in the U.S.

The Richmond Public Schools Harp Ensemble from Thomas Jefferson High School, under the direction of Kanae Nagata, provided music during the reception. Kevin Corcoran, Brianna Johnson and Cassandra Whitaker were the three participating harpists. Ji Xing, from mainland China, performed creative expressions. Sponsors for the event included ConocoPhillips Company and the City of Richmond's Department of Economic Development. Ms. Tran was also honored by her peers during a separate awards banquet on Friday, May 18, at The Jefferson Hotel.



Left to Right: Ji Xing, Kanae Nagata, Kevin Corcoran, Brianna Johnson, and Cassandra Whitaker

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Upcoming Seminars

Market Research Strategies for Business Planning

Date: 6/21/2007 Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Location: Maggie L. Walker Technology Center Auditorium, Room 105
501 E. Franklin Street Richmond, VA

Presenter:

Jackie Hudson, Senior Economist, Virginia Employment

Human Resources Strategies and Supervising Skills

Date: 6/26/2007 Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Location: Southside Community Service Center,
City of Richmond's Hispanic Liaison Office, Conference Room A, 1st floor
4100 Hull Street Road Richmond, VA

Presenter:

Luis Garcia, Economic Development Specialist, Small Business Administration

Workshop will be conducted in Spanish and English.

* Registration is required - All seminars are free and open to the public

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