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### Minority-Owned Business Leaders Meet at CoreCivic in Nashville

**Nashville, Tenn.** – On Wednesday, June 13, CoreCivic hosted a meeting with the inaugural cohort of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) protégées from Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia at their Nashville corporate headquarters (please find below a photo from the event – featuring key presenters and participants).



*From left-to-right: Paul Buerkle, Tennessee Valley Authority; Charles Edison, Ward-Edison Professional Cleaning; Paula Nelson, TSMSSDC; Warren Sawyers, Atlas Management; Cheri Henderson, TSMSSDC; Frank Hall, Facility Maintenance Services Group; Amy Banks, CoreCivic; Angela Hinkle, Clint Chemical & Janitorial Supplies; Joy Walker, Louisville & Jefferson County (MSD); KeeKee Mathis, Volkswagen Group of America; Marilyn Clark, Fayette County Public Schools; James Wingard, Wingard Quality Supply; Tera Vazquez, Guy Brown; Atty. Richard Manson, SourceMark USA; Jackie Lajoie, Ingersoll Rand; Randy Perry, Appalachian Regional Manufacturing; Susan Marston, TSMSSDC; Derrick Dowell, TSMSSDC; Sharon Reynolds, DevMar Products; Dawn Mason, CoreCivic; Danette Wilder, SealingLife and Tyson Smith, Cracker Barrel (seated)*

As a Centers of Excellence corporate participant and sponsor, CoreCivic serves as one of 9 corporate mentors to 20 minority-owned businesses and assists with their growth, sustainability, and success. As reported in the TriState Minority Supplier Development Council's Centers of Excellence progress report, the COE program is experiencing promising results. The aggregate scorecard validates that more than \$12.6 million has been spent among the participants.

Wednesday's event included remarks from Sherri Neal, Vice President of Cultural Development and Inclusion for Nashville-based HCA Healthcare. A diversity expert with a history of corporate leadership

engagement, Sherri shared a broad perspective of generational issues, values, and attitudes to the group of corporate and MBE participants in attendance.

The meeting also featured a report on the various publications and media outlets that have featured COE progress and the success of the program thus far, led by CoreCivic's Dawn Mason, Managing Director for purchasing, and Marilyn Clark, Supplier Diversity Manager for Fayette County Public Schools, as well as an overview of National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) best practices from Paul Buerkle, Supplier Diversity Manager at TVA, and Jackie LaJoi, Supplier Diversity Manager for Ingersoll Rand.

The Tri-State Minority Supplier Development Council (TMSDC) is a non-profit dedicated to ensuring the development of mutually beneficial relationships between ethnic minority businesses (suppliers) and major corporations (purchasers) throughout Tennessee, Kentucky, and West Virginia, by promoting and expanding business and procurement opportunities as they strive to be the product and service providers of choice.

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