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The 2018 Healthcare Supplier Diversity Symposium convenes in Chicago in September

RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 10, 2018-- On September 24 and 25, healthcare executives and industry influencers will gather at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois, to explore the benefits of a diversified healthcare supply chain and its impact in communities. Now in its 13th year, the Healthcare Supplier Diversity Symposium (HSDS) hosted by Owens & Minor, Inc., is a forum focused on the key topics affecting the healthcare industry's supply chain today and how the inclusion of diverse suppliers expands choices for healthcare providers and strengthens the delivery of healthcare.

"Research and experience demonstrate that supplier diversity is a smart business strategy for all stakeholders," said Danni Green, Director of Supplier Diversity for Owens & Minor. "Owens & Minor hosts this annual symposium to help promote supplier diversity within the healthcare industry through a shared commitment to improving healthcare outcomes. This year, the symposium's theme, "Economic Inclusion: Be Intentional," examines why economic inclusion makes good business sense and how it makes a positive impact on the communities in which we all live and work."

Social architect Bill Strickland, the president and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, and Navy Veteran Daryl J.W. Mackin, founder of A Soldier's Child Foundation, will deliver the keynote addresses. The roster of speakers and panelists also includes Matthew Rowan, President and CEO of the Healthcare Industry Distribution Association (HIDA); Dr. Samuel Ross, CEO of Bon Secours Baltimore; Dr. Fred McKinney, Managing Director at TUCK Executive Education; *Chicago Tribune* Columnist Clarence Page; and select Owens & Minor leaders.

Highlights of the annual symposium include the C-suite Roundtable and the Earl G. Reubel Awards Gala and awards presentation celebrating leaders in diversity advocacy. The awards—presented in three categories, Outstanding Civic Leader, Outstanding Diversity Enterprise and Outstanding Corporate Leadership—were established by Owens & Minor and named in honor of Earl G. Reubel, the late founder of Kerma Medical Products, whose vision of building a legacy through his company demonstrated the true spirit of entrepreneurship. Past winners of the Earl G. Reubel Awards include Partners (2017 Corporate Leader); Mark Cartwright of Virginia Tech (2017 Civic Leader); Tim Martin of CHRISTUS Health (2016 Hospital/Healthcare System); and Kenneth Grant of The Johns Hopkins Hospital Health System (2016 Civic Leader).

For more information about the 2018 Healthcare Supplier Diversity Symposium—held adjacent to the 2018 Healthcare Industry Distributor's Association's (HIDA) Streamlining Conference—at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago, Illinois, visit <http://www.hsdsymposium.com/>.

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