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## HESS Construction Recognized for Outstanding Leadership in Minority and Women-Owned Partnerships

Company Honored by Maryland Minority Contractors Association

**GAITHERSBURG, MD (August 18, 2015)** – As a testament to HESS Construction's ongoing commitment to minority and women-owned firms, the company received the award for Outstanding Majority Partner from the Maryland Minority Contractors Association (MMCA) last month. The award, presented each year at MMCA's Annual Awards Banquet and Summer Soiree, recognizes large general contractors who display an outstanding commitment and dedication to partnering with minority and women-owned businesses on construction projects.

Maryland's highest state offices acknowledged HESS' support of minority businesses, including Senator Barbara Mikulski, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Comptroller Joan Pratt.

"At HESS, local and minority business participation is not just a goal, but rather a commitment to our clients, our business partners, and the communities where we live and work," says Andy Hess, president of HESS Construction. "We strive for higher levels of diversity and minority participation with each project we're awarded, because the more perspectives we can bring to every job, the more successful everyone will be."

MMCA is a not-for-profit advocacy and support organization that mentors minority and womenowned contractors in Maryland's construction industry. HESS has worked closely with MMCA for more than ten years to diversify its subcontractor contracts on all projects.

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Pictured above with the HESS award: MMCA President Pless Jones, Sr., HESS' Director of Business Development

Coretta Bennett and Jeffrey Hargrave, President of Mahogany, Inc., a Baltimore-based minority contracting

partner.

## **About HESS Construction**

Founded in 1978, HESS Construction manages the planning, design, and construction of facilities for public and private clients in Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia. The company's services span preconstruction, construction management, general contracting and design-build, with a focus on K-12, Higher Education, Community Facilities, Municipalities, Government and Health Care. Headquartered in Gaithersburg, MD, HESS employs nearly 80 highly skilled professionals and continues to position itself for strategic growth. Combining construction experience with an innovative approach to understanding client needs, HESS builds facilities through collaboration, teamwork and quality. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.HESSconstruction.com">www.HESSconstruction.com</a>.

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