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The Corporate Gift Source INC.

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GBG, THE CORPORATE GIFT SOURCE, WINS SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR A THIRD TIME

**Charlotte O'Banion, President of GBG, Accepted the Award at the
2009 Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC)
Annual Awards Banquet on April 30
at The Aqua Turf Country Club, Southington, CT**

TRUMBULL, Conn. – May 4, 2009 – The Supplier of the Year Award recognizes minority-owned suppliers who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Customer Service, Sales Growth, Quality, Delivery, Cost Competitiveness, and other areas that may be deserving of recognition.

The mission of the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council is to significantly increase the procurement opportunities between certified minority owned businesses and corporate members. Last Thursday, the GNEMSDC hosted its annual awards banquet to honor qualified minority suppliers with a variety of accolades.



Charlotte O'Banion, President of GBG, proudly accepted the Supplier of the Year award with her long-time staff nearby. GBG achieved the same award in 2001 and 2007. "As a third time recipient of this prestigious award, we have proven our ability to consistently meet our clients' needs in both a strong and weak economy, and to remain competitive in a global market," said Charlotte O'Banion. "As an Asian, minority, woman-owned, small business we can still compete and succeed without sacrificing our mission. The growth and success of GBG is due to its ongoing mission to provide the customer with the highest quality of gift products, in the most timely and cost effective manner, and to do so with a superior level of customer service," added O'Banion.

In 1987, after a nine year career as a Flight Attendant for American Airlines, Charlotte O'Banion sold her home in Wilton, Connecticut and used the profit to start Gift Basket Gallery. In 1990, Gift Basket Gallery was accepted and certified as a member of the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council, formerly known as the Connecticut Minority Supplier Development Council. In the same year, GBG was certified as a woman-owned, minority business by the State of Connecticut and The Small Business Association.

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After establishing and contracting with several major accounts: United Technologies Corporation, Oxford Health Plans, Sikorsky Aircraft, Pratt & Whitney, GE Capital, Carrier, Otis Elevator, Hamilton Sundstrand, and Cartus Corporation, the business further expanded its rapid growth by providing corporate gifts, personalized apparel, promotional items, engraved crystal awards, sales incentives, fulfillment, warehousing services and catalog programs at highly competitive prices to its diverse client base.

In 1996, Gift Basket Gallery officially became known as GBG, The Corporate Gift Source, Inc. offering its services to corporations nationwide. As the business expanded, they required larger quarters and relocated to its current location, a 6,400 square foot facility in Trumbull, Connecticut with five full time employees.

About GBG, The Corporate Gift Source

GBG, The Corporate Gift Source provides promotional items, corporate gifts, personalized apparel, engraved crystal awards, sales incentives, fulfillment, warehousing services and catalog programs to corporate America at highly competitive prices. GBG is located in Trefoil Park, 204 Spring Hill Road, Trumbull, CT 06611. For more information, visit www.gbginc.com.

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