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MWRD Board honors Hispanic American Construction Industry Association

During its March 21 Board meeting, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) Commissioner Frank Avila presented a resolution to Hispanic American Construction Industry Assoc. (HACIA) Executive Director, Jorge Perez, HACIA Board Member Ivan Solis, President of Solis Construction, Inc., and HACIA Board Member Gina Raffin, VP of Scale Construction, Inc. The resolution is in honor of HACIA's 34th Annual Awards Banquet set for March 28 at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

HACIA is a non-profit organization working to promote diversity in the construction industry. Established in 1979, HACIA works to provide Hispanic people with the tools necessary to succeed in the construction industry by sponsoring bilingual job training and promoting professional development.



(L-R) HACIA Executive Director, Jorge Perez; HACIA Board Member Ivan Solis, Pres., Solis Construction, Inc.; Commissioner Frank Avila and HACIA Board Member Gina Raffin, V.P., Scale Construction, Inc. during the recent MWRD Board of Commissioners meeting.

HACIA's banquet is consistently recognized as the largest construction industry event in the Midwest, as it recognizes members and partners that have worked throughout the year to support the Association's mission to assist minority participation and success in the industry. Commissioner Avila was one of HACIA's first members.

"The MWRD has been a pioneer in recognizing economic contributions of minority businessmen and women," said Commissioner Avila. "Our adoption and continuing advocacy of policies which support the aspirations of minority communities and businesses within our jurisdiction is very important to the Board and to the agency."

Jorge J Perez is HACIA's executive director. "HACIA is very honored to be recognized by MWRD for our commitment in advocating for minorities in the construction industry. We are excited to be honoring individuals and bringing together more than 1200 guests in the construction sector at our upcoming 34th Annual Awards Banquet on March 28th. We appreciate the commitment that the MWRD has continued to make in providing opportunities for minority companies over the years and going forward."

Additional information about HACIA can be found at www.haciaworks.org. Additional information about the MWRD can be found at www.mwrdd.org.

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