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# OWENS & MINOR ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2021 EARL G. REUBEL AWARDS

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AWARDEES REPRESENT  
HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY LEADERS  
IN DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Owens & Minor, Inc. announced winners for the 2021 Earl G. Reubel Awards during its tenth annual ceremony held yesterday. Launched in 2012 by Owens & Minor in collaboration with Kerma Medical Products, Inc., and the Healthcare Supplier Diversity Alliance (HSDA), the annual Earl G. Reubel Awards honor individuals and organizations that are leaders in diversity and inclusion within the healthcare supply industry. This year's awardees were recognized during the Healthcare Supplier Diversity Alliance (HSDA) Conference held virtually on December 16.

Awards were distributed in three categories: Civic Leadership, Diverse Enterprise, and Large Corporation.

- Deborah Williams received the Earl G. Reubel Civic Leader of the Year Award for her community advocacy work while serving as Senior Director of Supplier Diversity at Premier, Inc. Her dedication to supplier diversity recently earned her a finalist position from the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDCHQ) Supplier Diversity Professional of the Year award.
- SDVOSB Laboratory, which is short for Service Disabled, Veteran Owned, Small Businesses, received the Earl G. Reubel Diverse Enterprise of the Year Award in recognition of its differentiated service and commitment to opening the door for opportunities to create meaningful jobs for veterans and the disabled.
- Premier, Inc. received the Earl G. Reubel Large Corporation of the Year Award for its culture of diversity and inclusion evident in the company's revitalized Council on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative, which now



includes recruitment practices to increase diversity at the executive leadership level.

“Owens & Minor continually invests in supplier diversity and development as part of a commitment to supply chain excellence in service of our Mission of Empowering Our Customers to Advance Healthcare,” said Edward A. Pesicka, President and CEO of Owens & Minor, who presented the Awards during the HSDA Ceremony. “This year’s Earl G. Reubel Award winners exemplify the spirit of inclusion and innovation that will continue to propel the industry forward as together we serve the evolving needs of healthcare.”

The Earl G. Reubel Awards are named in honor of the late Earl G. Reubel, founder of Kerma Medical Products, one of the largest veteran-, minority-owned medical supply companies in the country, and Owens & Minor’s long-time supplier partner.

“We extend sincerest congratulations to each of this year’s winners and look forward to the difference each will continue to make in the future,” said Andrea Reubel-Walker, Director of Marketing and Key National Accounts for Kerma Medical Products, and Secretary of the Healthcare Supplier Diversity Alliance.

“Deborah Williams, SDVOSB, and Premier all play an essential role in addressing the complexities of healthcare supply,” continued Pesicka. “Owens & Minor is proud to celebrate their achievement and strengthen our combined dedication and efforts to drive progress across the healthcare supply chain.”

To learn more about the **awards and to see past winners, click here.**