

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY



Mentor selected as 2008 Regional Supplier of the Year

BY CB STAFF

Mentor Technical Group Corporation has been selected as a recipient of the 2008 Regional Supplier of the Year award from the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

"This is a very high honor, considering we are among 16 companies that were selected as regional suppliers out of the 15,000 minority businesses that were eligible to be nominated. Also, we're up for one of four nominations as National Suppliers of the Year," explained Félix Bernard, Mentor's operations vice president.

These awards are given annually to minority suppliers who have distinguished themselves and their businesses by successfully demonstrating growth in sales and employment while overcoming significant obstacles, consistently



Mentor Technical Group includes (from left) Julián Rodríguez, VP of regulatory compliance; Luis Soto, president; and Félix Bernard, VP of operations.

providing high quality products and services at competitive prices

and significantly contributing to the growth and development of society in their communities.

"There are no words that can explain how proud we feel about this recognition, and the fact that our customers were the ones who nominated us for this award makes it even more overwhelming," said Bernard.

When asked how Mentor was able to achieve such an accomplishment in only eight years in the industry, Bernard didn't hesitate to say it has all been thanks to the hard work and dedication of the company's staff.

"This recognition is the outcome both of our employees' commitment to excellence and to our ability to evolve throughout the years

according to our clients' ever-changing needs in this very dynamic industry," explained Bernard, who highlighted that the company's major goal has always been to comply with its customers' strictest demands and expectations.

Mentor is a multidisciplinary firm that consolidates such services as engineering, utilities & facilities management, calibration, validation, regulatory compliance and project management under one roof.

"Instead of hiring a supplier for each of these services, customers hire us to take care of all these tasks. Being a multifaceted firm allows us to seamlessly synchronize all these services in a way that our customers' projects run smoothly, like clockwork," he explained. "And we are a cost-effective alternative as well."

In fact, this recognition as strategic suppliers has spurred Mentor's expansion into new markets in Europe and Asia, serving as an example to others.

"We have moved on to greater efforts and challenges, and we're proud of that. Our goal is to be able to export our expertise and knowledge around the world, while also contributing to moving our economy forward," concluded Bernard.

The Supplier of the Year awards will be presented at the 2008 NMS-DC Conference Awards Banquet on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. The names of the four national winners are kept confidential until they are announced at the Awards Banquet. ■

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