

## AI ENGINEERS WINS MINORITY BUSINESS AWARD:

### *Earns Distinction as GNEMSDC Supplier of the Year*

**MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (April 26, 2010)** - AI Engineers, Inc. of Middletown was named “Supplier of the Year” this past weekend at the Annual Awards Gala of the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC) at the Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, Massachusetts. AI was selected in the category including suppliers earning between 10 and 50 million dollars annually.

AI Engineers, a multi-disciplined firm specializing in engineering, architecture and construction, with an emphasis on bridge construction and inspection, was noted for its tireless devotion to delivering quality service in a changing marketplace and for generating job growth and opportunities for the minority community. AI employs over 100 professionals in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and Virginia.

Abul Islam, President & CEO of AI Engineers thanked GNEMSDC Board of Directors member Cheryl Clarke of Northeast Utilities Systems, who nominated the firm for this year's award.

“This incredible organization has helped companies like my firm grow from humble beginnings a few years ago, to a thriving and expanding business entity that generates millions of dollars in revenues and that now has the privilege of offering growth and development opportunities for other minority professionals. GNEMSDC has provided ongoing support and partnership, and that has been invaluable”, Islam said.

Corporate sponsors of the organization include Northeast Utilities, United Technologies, Pratt & Whitney, Aetna, Liberty Mutual Group, Cartus, ESPN, and the Mashantucket Tribal Nation/Foxwoods. The larger corporations provide professional developmental support for emerging Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's).

Keynote speakers included Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and basketball legend Earvin “Magic” Johnson – who chronicled his growth from a fledgling young ball player to NBA champ and successful entrepreneur overseeing numerous endeavors worth billions in revenue.

**About AI Engineers, Inc.** AI Engineers, Inc. of Middletown, was launched 19 years ago by Engineer, Founder and CEO Abul Islam and now employs over 100 people. AI specializes in Engineering, Architecture and Construction disciplines with an emphasis on bridge construction and inspection. AI is one of the region's chief bridge inspection contractors working extensively in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts New York and Virginia. Mr. Islam is also developing Connecticut's first commercially-leased LEED Platinum “Green” office buildings in downtown Hartford, CT.

**About GNEMSDC:** The Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council is a 35 year old Hamden, CT based non-profit agency of local and national major corporations who are recruited to foster relationships with certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's). GNEMSDC recruits corporations, municipal and state agencies who have potential to award contracts to MBE's. They also foster ongoing development of emerging MBE's throughout the Northeast Region and are affiliated with the National Minority Supplier Development Council.