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Chairman's Message



Welcome to the National Minority Technology Council's new website! You will find an abundance of information here, from news and views of our members to a description of our new Alliance Partnership. It continues to amaze me how many minority technology companies are still vibrant after the last 10 years. With over 3,000 identified minority technology companies across the US, the Council's charter to build trusted networks is even more vital today.

These are very interesting times. I remember as a child my mother telling me I could be anything I want to be. I was a child in the 60's, a time full of conflict and growth. Now some 40 years latter my children are witnessing the true realization of the "Dream" so eloquently articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King. The true test of a democracy is the resilience and love of the individual. I welcome these changing times with joy, anticipation and hope. I salute the hundreds of company owners I've had the honor of meeting over the past 10 years. They are the true leaders of change for their families and communities. These are times of change. I vote for truth and prosperity. I for one stand for the parity that is promised for everyone in this country. I stand for a country accepts our diverse heritage and embraces the notion of peace, health, and economic opportunity for human being, not just US citizens.

We are grateful for the corporate partnerships we have forged over the past 10 years. We welcome our new partners and cherish those companies who have been with us when the Council was only an idea. I wanted to give a special thank you to Don Upson and Sophia Nelson. Don was a true champion for the Council during his tenure as Secretary of Technology for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Sophia worked tirelessly during the Council's early years as our Vice Chair. She was instrumental in developing our Federal relationship and has remained a friend to the Council as her career has advanced.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Cureton".

Karl Cureton
Chairman
National Minority Technology Council