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*Celebration & Awards Dinner*

**FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 20TH, 2026 | 6PM**

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# 2026 MOKAN AWARDEES

## THOMAS NELLUMS, SR. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**TOM FINAN**

*Executive Director/Co-Founder, Construction Forum*

**GERRY BLACKWELL**

*President, G. Blackwell & Associates*

## DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

**NORTH ST LOUIS - BRICKLINE GREENWAY**

*MARK PERKINS, Chief Executive Officer, Great Rivers Greenway*

**DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS - JEFFERSON ARMS RESIDENCES**

*MIKE SARIMSAKCI, CEO, Alterra Worldwide*

**GRAND CENTER - NINE PBS HEADQUARTERS RENOVATION  
& BSI POWELL SYMPHONY HALL RENOVATION**

*SONDRA ROTTY, President and COO, Tarlton Corporation*

**METRO EAST**

*CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS, Municipal Development Partner, Efficacy Consulting - Broadview*

## EMERGING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

**BRITTNEE WHITE**

*Owner / General Contractor, EPM Construction LLC*

## PRIVATE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD

**JANELLE TURNER**

*Director of Supplier Diversity, Washington University in St. Louis*

## PUBLIC SECTOR EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD

**FELICIA HINTON-RAMEY**

*Board of Public Service Trustee, City of St. Louis Board of Public Service*

**FRANCOISE LYLES-WIGGINS**

*Director, Business Diversity Development, St. Louis Lambert International Airport*

## WBE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

**SHELIA HUDSON**

*President & CEO, Hudson & Associates, LLC*

## MBE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

**SHAUN CARR**

*Owner / President, Carr Flooring*

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR AWARD

**BRUCE J. DYCK**

*Regional President St. Louis, First Mid Bank & Trust*

## COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION AWARD

**MICHAEL MCMILLAN**

*President and CEO, Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis*

## COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER AWARD

**CHRIS KREHMEYER**

*President and CEO, Beyond Housing*

**RON HINES**

*Founder and Producing Director, The Black Rep*



## RELEVANCY OF MOKAN 50 YEARS IN THE MAKING “WE WORK SO YOU CAN WORK”

- MOKAN is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the law.
- Since 1974, MOKAN Construction and Contractors Assistance Center has been at the forefront of efforts to provide opportunities for MBE and WBE contractors.
- The mission of MOKAN is to serve as an advocate and negotiator for the inclusion of minority and women-owned businesses in construction projects.
- While MOKAN is a strong advocate for its members, the organization also works diligently with owners and majority contractors to develop strategies for increased diversity on public and private projects.
- Daily, MOKAN opens its doors to local workers and minority and female businesses for educational and training services.
- MOKAN’S motto, “We Work So You Can Work,” guides its planning and operations on behalf of minority contractors and workers.

### MOKAN’S BUSINESS INSTITUTE PROGRAM

is an education and training academy delivering workshops, seminars and industry-specific training to minority contractors. Sessions are facilitated by professionals with the training, certification and experience in each specific subject area.

### MOKAN’S PRE-APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

is specifically designed with industry-based training coupled with classroom instruction to prepare non-traditional construction workers to enter and succeed within a Registered Apprenticeship Union or Non-Union Program.

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