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SBA Region V Announces Small Minority Business Person of the Year

Detroit, MI—September 13, 2010—[Perry Mehta](#), President and CEO of [FutureNet Group, Inc](#) (FNG), was recently honored by the Small Business Administration (SBA) as Region V Small Minority Business Person of the Year. The recognition ceremony took place August 24th at the White House, during Minority Economic Development Week (MED Week) 2010.

“I nominated Mr. Mehta because I was very impressed with his focused goal and vision,” said Constance Logan, Asst. District Director, [SBA](#). “By diversification of services, manageable, geographical expansion, and taking great care of his clients, Mr. Mehta has developed FNG into a seemingly, recession proof company.”

[FutureNet Group](#) was established in 1994 and is certified as a U.S. SBA 8(a), HUBZone, GSA, ISO 9001, DBE and MBE firm. The environmental, construction and technology company provides a range of services to federal, state and municipal government agencies. Clients include the City of Detroit, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Pentagon, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture and Department of Veterans Affairs. The company has grown to 100+ employees this year.

“Our employees are adamant about providing excellent customer service, delivering on time and within budget, which is key to our growth,” said Perry Mehta. “I am honored to

accept this recognition on behalf of all of our team members, who like me, want the best for FNG.”

An entrepreneur at heart, Mehta started FNG in 1994 after working for several engineering firms in Michigan. The company’s reputation grew as a dedicated, unrelenting competitor in the environmental, construction and technology industries, that regularly utilizes other minority subcontractors on FNG projects. Concentrating on its market niche—8(a) contracts—helped to propel the firm into a multi-million dollar company. Offices are headquartered on Detroit’s southwest side, where the 10,500 sq.ft. building is currently under construction with plans to generate more than 5,000 sq.ft. of additional office space for its growing staff.

Possessing a strong sense of pride towards his Indian heritage, Mehta is actively involved in the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin (ASEI) whose objectives are career and business guidance, and he is the founding director of the Michigan Emerging Business Association, which provides opportunities for minority contractors to partner in their bidding activities.

Mehta’s community involvements and donations in Detroit are many, but he’s also very proud of his donation of more than 600 toilets to Haiti to aid in the rebuilding of the country’s infrastructure, his contributions to a new Hindu temple in Canton, Michigan, and the programs he supports in India that provide computer education to more than 20,000 students each year.

Mehta earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering at Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology (SVNIT), and after moving to the United States in 1988, earned a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of New Haven in Connecticut. He has received several awards, including *Crain’s Detroit Business* Entrepreneur of the Year (2009); State of Michigan Emerging Small Business Leader (2006); and Outstanding 50-Asian-American Businessmen of the Year (2005).

On Sunday, September 12, he received the Professional of the Year Award from the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian Origin.

FNG has an impressive list of awards and recognitions as well. Among them are [*Crain's Detroit Top 10 Defense Contractors \(2010\); the Inner City 100 Award for Excellence in Urban Business \(2010, 2009, 2008\); Michigan 50 Companies to Watch \(2009\); and the SBA's Emerging Small Business \(2009\).*](#)

The MED Week Conference is hosted by the Minority Business Development Agency, a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce. It is the nation's premier event for minority entrepreneurs and business owners, helping them to grow both domestically and globally through a series of educational, training and business to business networking events.

For more information on MED Week, visit www.sba.gov/medweek2010. To learn more about FutureNet Group, go to www.FutureNetGroup.com.