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## CEO of FutureNet Group LLC wins SBA's Small Minority Business Person of Year award

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Perry Mehta, president and CEO of Detroit-based **FutureNet Group LLC**, was awarded the **Small Business Administration's** Small Minority Business Person of the Year for the region last month.

Mehta received the award at a White House ceremony during the annual Minority Economic Development Week.

"Our employees are adamant about providing excellent customer service, delivering on time and within budget, which is key to our growth," said Mehta. "I am honored to accept this recognition on behalf of all of our team members, who like me, want the best for FNG."

Mehta won among other minority owners in the SBA region covering Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.


Mehta founded FutureNet in 1994 and has since grown the general contracting firm for the defense industry to more than 100 employees with revenue of \$16.2 million in 2009 and projecting revenue of \$25 million this year.

FutureNet's clients include the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**, the **U.S. Pentagon** and the **city of Detroit**, among others.

FutureNet was a *Crain's Detroit Business* Top 10 Defense Contractor this year, a *CBD*

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Entrepreneur of the Year last year, a three-time recipient of the Inner City 100 award for Excellence in Urban Business and a Michigan 50 Companies to Watch recipient last year.

Mehta earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from **Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology** in Surat, India, and a master's degree in environmental engineering from the **University of New Haven** in New Haven, Conn.

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