

# A MESSAGE FROM...

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Dear Fred,

Thank you for sharing the news about the merger between the Connecticut and New England Minority Supplier Development Councils. The way I see it, this merger means more than just bringing two Councils together: it means giving Council members access to more Minority Business Enterprises; it means Council members exchanging ideas with members from more states; and for Cartus, it means increasing our ability to reinforce our commitment to increasing business opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses.

At the end of the day, our goal is to maximize MBE participation through the development of mutually beneficial business relationships with these firms on all contracting and subcontracting levels. Over the years, we have been able to achieve this goal by working with the Connecticut Council and our success has been due, in part, because of your ample leadership, Fred. Thank you.

I congratulate you in your new role and anticipate that the coming months will bring new and exciting opportunities for us all.

Best wishes,

Kevin J. Kelleher