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MOKAN
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS ASSISTANCE CENTER

50
1976–2026
50 YEARS

BUILDING THE LEGACY. CREATING THE FUTURE.

50 YEARS OF BUILDING OPPORTUNITY

Celebration & Awards Dinner

FRIDAY | NOVEMBER 20TH, 2026 | 6PM

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THE NEED FOR SUPPORT

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For 50 years, MOKAN Construction Contractors Assistance Center has helped build opportunity across the St. Louis region. Since 1976, MOKAN has prepared individuals for successful careers in construction, connected employers with skilled workers, supported contractors, and advocated for greater access to economic opportunity.

MOKAN's results demonstrate the value of this work. From 2022 through 2025, 522 participants graduated from our training programs, 451 secured employment (86.3%), and graduates entered the workforce at an average wage of $28.70 per hour. Among 131 justice-involved participants, approximately 80% were successfully placed in employment.

Please join us on Friday, November 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel for MOKAN's 50th Annual Celebration and Awards Dinner, followed by an exciting Casino Night After Party. The evening will bring together a who's who of the construction and development industries, community leaders, longtime partners, outstanding awardees, entertainment, casino games, and plenty of reasons to celebrate.

Your attendance, sponsorship, and support will help MOKAN continue providing free training and career pathways for people ready to improve their lives and contribute to the future of our region. Come celebrate the legacy, meet the people building St. Louis, and help us create what comes next.

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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

EMERGING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

EPM CONSTRUCTION LLC
BRITTNEE WHITE, *Owner / General Contractor*

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

HUDSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC
SHELIA HUDSON, *President & CEO*

MBE CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

CARR FLOORING
SHAUN CARR, *Owner / President,*

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR AWARD

FIRST MID BANK & TRUST
BRUCE J. DYCK, *Regional President St. Louis*

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER AWARD

RON HINES
Founder and Producing Director, The Black Rep

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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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