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Greetings fellow MBE:

Thank you to the MBE Input Committee members for the confidence you've placed in me to serve as your chairperson. I appreciate your support and look forward to working very closely with you over the next two years. Fortunately, Ron Williams left a strong legacy and foundation for us to build upon. A legacy of increased participation of MBEs in CMSDC operations and events and a foundation of close work with the CMSDC President and the Chairman of the Board of Directors. I intend to carry forward that legacy and maintain the foundation by providing as much input as possible and by making the triumvirate even stronger.

Additionally, my plans for the MBEIC include the following:

1. Increasing the active participation of more MBEs in the MBEIC so that we can all benefit from even greater input from the strong MBEs certified by our council.
2. Finding more ways to provide input to our corporate members so they can increase the utilization of additional MBEs and achieve even higher levels of success; levels that can surely be achieved by making use of the services and talents we have within our ranks.
3. And of course, continuing our quest to become Council of the Year.

Let's all look forward to a highly productive year of partnerships, progress and prosperity.

Best regards,
Carlton L. ONeal
MBEIC Chair