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## Our Mission:

To increase purchases of goods and services by large companies and Government entities from Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, HUB-Zone, and Service Disabled Veteran businesses

USDC 2009 Goals

April 2009

## President's Message

Dear Utah Supplier Development Council (USDC) Members,

What a fabulous Annual Meeting USDC had last month! The ambience of the ATK Lodge up in Ogden Canyon was relaxing, the food was delicious, and our keynote speaker, Robert Kirby was in fine form. His keen sense of humor had us in tears of laughter, and taught us not to take ourselves too seriously. We had one of our largest crowds with close to 70 attendees. We owe a big THANK YOU to Jenifer Scoffield, Heidi Klopfenstein, and Melanie Sandall of ATK for making all the arrangements and hosting the event. Thank you ladies!

For April, USDC gets back to more of a business format with Merit Medical hosting the USDC luncheon/meeting.

Merit Medical Profile:

Merit Medical Systems, Inc. was founded in 1987 by Fred Lampropoulos, Kent W. Stranger, and William Padilla. Merit Medical Systems, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of medical devices used in diagnostic and interventional cardiology and radiology procedures. Its primary products consist of inflation devices used in angioplasty, stent placement and discography. Headquartered in South Jordan, Utah, Merit employs approximately 1,700 people worldwide. Merit markets its products in the United States and Europe. The company has expanded from a small manufacturing facility in Salt Lake City to two separate facilities in the metropolitan area. It also has a manufacturing facility in Galway, Ireland; Angleton, Texas; Richmond, Virginia, and a customer service and distribution center in Maastricht, The Netherlands.

The details for the April luncheon/meeting are:

When: Thursday, April 16, 2009  
Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Place: Merit Medical – 1600 W. Merit Parkway (9800 S. 1700 W.) South Jordan, UT.  
Parking: Off of Redwood Rd, go to the security gate and the officer will direct you to park at the south end of the building.

There is no cost for this event! Lunch will be catered and is free for all USDC associate members (one free lunch per membership-check website for membership status) For Major Members and guests the cost is \$15.00.

Please RSVP at our new website: [www.usdcutah.org](http://www.usdcutah.org) or by contacting Jane Scott at: [jscott@purchasing.utah.edu](mailto:jscott@purchasing.utah.edu)

Best Regards,

Chuck Spence, USDC President