

NJSBDC Advocacy Award

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Dan Kirton was nominated by Charles Jackson of the NJSBDC Emerging Growth Markets program for his hard work, unselfish dedication and perseverance to insure that minority, women and small business enterprises have access to the opportunities that will make them successful.

Dan is the Program Manager for the NJ Schools Construction Corporation Office of Diversity and Emerging Business Markets and is dedicated to increasing the availability and accessibility of construction opportunities for small, women and minority-owned businesses, and to individuals and their families in New Jersey. In some instances this means working with other State agencies and departments to service his target population. In others, Dan works with project management firms and other internal NJSCC divisions to encourage business opportunities and equal employment opportunities in the school construction program.

The Office of Diversity and Emerging Business Markets works to ensure diversity within its organizational framework and expects firms that do business with SCC to also support diversity within their ranks and in their hiring. Part of Dan's mission is to communicate and promote the use of New Jersey's diverse business and workforce communities on SCC projects.