

Shakopee Mdewakanton invests in Windward Engineers & Consultants, forming unique ownership group with NELSON Worldwide

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The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) today announced its investment in Windward Engineers & Consultants, a certified minority business enterprise (MBE) engineering firm headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The ownership group also includes NELSON Worldwide, which provides architecture, design and brand strategy services in Minnesota and across the country, and Jason Booth, a Turtle Mountain Chippewa member and business owner experienced in tribal development and corporate supplier diversity. This combined ownership group builds upon Windward's position as an industry leader nationwide and allows the firm to expand into new markets.

"It is important to our tribe to make investments that further diversify our economy and benefit the entire region and communities across the country," said SMSC Chairman Keith B. Anderson. "With NELSON and Windward now on our team, we look forward to leveraging their expertise to enhance the work we do within our Community and across Indian Country." SMSC Secretary/Treasurer Rebecca Crooks-Stratton will serve as Chairwoman of the Windward Board of Directors.

Guided by their Dakota heritage, the SMSC is committed to building partnerships and supporting the economic development of Native American communities across the country. As a SMSC enterprise, Windward will bring enhanced real estate, design and construction expertise to make an even larger impact on projects across the country.

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