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## THE MINORITY ENTERPRISE CORPORATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. Wade Hampton  
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Penn Hills, PA 15147

Dear Mr. Hampton:

On behalf of the Honorary Chairmen and Honorary Committee for the Minority Enterprise Corporation's **2001 Pillar Awards**, I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected as one of four finalists for the **MEC Achievement Award**.

With our finger firmly on the pulse of minority businesses in the region, the Minority Enterprise Corporation created the Pillar Awards to recognize outstanding achievements by minority entrepreneurs who have managed to succeed in a challenging marketplace – as well as those that have helped them along the way. We are pleased to announce that the 2001 Pillar Awards will be presented Saturday, September 8, 2001 at the Hilton Pittsburgh and Towers. You will find enclosed two tickets to the event, which will feature entrepreneur and former Pittsburgh Steeler, **Franco Harris**.

Awards will be presented in five categories: The Minority Entrepreneur of 2001, The Up and Coming Entrepreneur, The Economic Impact Award, The MEC Achievement Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award, which this year, will be presented to Eddie Edwards, owner of the WB-22 television station.

The evening will begin with a silent auction of items such as autographed Lynn Swann and Franco Harris footballs, framed original artwork from local artists, two roundtrip tickets good for North America and the Caribbean from US Airways, and many more items! You will also enjoy dinner, the awards presentation, and a jazz reception following the presentation of the awards.

Please supply us with three or four photographs, as well as an updated bio to be used in announcing each finalist during the ceremony. The pictures can be photos of your place of business, your staff, professional studio pictures, pictures of yourself at a young age, etc. We would appreciate it if you could send the bio and pictures to MEC on or before August 20, 2001. Your pictures WILL be returned to you at the event.

If you would like additional tickets to the event, or if you have any questions, please call Virginia Montañez at 412-434-5806 ext. 17. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$50.00 each. Again, congratulations! We look forward to seeing you at the 2001 Pillar Awards!

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

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