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**SBA names Milhouse an Illinois 2017 small business winner**

**CHICAGO** – Milhouse Engineering & Construction (Milhouse) is proud to have been named Illinois 8(a) Graduate of the Year by the Small Business Association (SBA). Milhouse was also awarded as 8(a) Graduate of the Year by the Great Lakes Region, which covers Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Ohio.

SBA’s 8(a) Business Development Program helps small, disadvantaged businesses compete in the marketplace and access government contracts. The 8(a) Program offers a broad scope of assistance to firms owned and controlled at least 51% by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The program helps thousands of aspiring entrepreneurs gain a foothold in government contracting.

Milhouse is a true SBA 8(a) success story. As one of the largest African-American owned engineering firms based in Chicago, Milhouse has expanded remarkably since its beginnings in 2001. Led by President and CEO Wilbur C. Milhouse III, PE, the firm has grown to 180+ employees, nine offices, and an international presence.

“This award exemplifies the hard work and exceptional talent we have here at Milhouse and their abilities to provide superior solutions to complex engineering challenges,’’ said Mr. Milhouse.

Milhouse met and exceeded the SBA’s 8(a) requirements by successfully completing significant government contracts, including construction management services for NAVFAC (Naval Facilities) Midwest Public Works Department; electrical design services for the Nashville, Tennessee Metro Development and Housing Agency (MDHA); and construction services for Scott AFB (Air Force Base) Energy Management and Control System (EMCS).

**About Milhouse Inc.**

Milhouse is a full-service engineering and construction firm that specializes in 11 specific markets and provides a diverse portfolio of services including: civil, construction, electrical, energy, mechanical, and structural engineering services along with architecture services. Learn more here [Milhouseinc.com](http://milhouseinc.com).

**Forward-looking Statements**

This press release includes forward-looking statements covered by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Because such statements deal with future events, they are subject to various risks and uncertainties and actual results for fiscal year 2014 and beyond could differ materially from the Company's current expectations. Forward-looking statements are identified by words such as "anticipates," "projects," "expects," "plans," "intends," "believes," "estimates," "targets," and other similar expressions that indicate trends and future events.

Factors that could cause the Company's results to differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements include, without limitation, variation in demand and acceptance of the Company's products and services, the frequency, magnitude and timing of paper and other raw-material-price changes, general business and economic conditions beyond the Company's control, timing of the completion and integration of acquisitions, the consequences of competitive factors in the marketplace including the ability to attract and retain customers, results of continuous improvement and other cost-containment strategies, and the Company's success in attracting and retaining key personnel. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or update forward-looking statements as a result of new information, since these statements may no longer be accurate or timely.