

SOMAT PRESIDENT AWARDED 2011 MICHIGAN MINORITY SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

On September 30, 2011, Gnanadesikan Ramanujam, (Ram) President of Somat Engineering, Inc. was selected as the 2011 National Minority Small Business Person of the Year by the US Small Business Administration and the Association for Government Contracting and Business Development. The award recognizes the minority small business person that best exemplifies minority entrepreneurial success.



Nominees are evaluated on their participation in community projects and charitable affairs; overcoming obstacles/adversities; uniqueness and special attributes; use of minority firms as suppliers, and subcontractors and their contributions to high or emerging technologies.

The nominees must also operate an 8(a) certified minority small business according to SBA's rules and regulations, and must have been in business for at least 3 years, have performed satisfactorily on all government contracts, and have had no terminations for default, as well as be satisfactory and current on any SBA loans.

Current SBA Director [Connie Logan](#) nominated Ram for the award and stated, "It is my pleasure to recognize G. "Ram" Ramanujam, President and CEO of Somat Engineering, Inc., as this year's Minority Small Business Person of the Year," said SBA Michigan District Office's Deputy Director Constance Logan. "Ram takes great pride in providing services to the federal government and commercial market, creating jobs and stimulating economic growth in America. We congratulate Ram for his achievements and success."

The presentation ceremony was held at the Conference Center of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago located at 1600 East Warren Avenue, Detroit, MI and was presented during the SBA Tour by the Office of US Senator Carl Levin.

Ram acknowledged the SBA for their extensive efforts and support, "It is an honor to receive the Minority Businessperson of the Year award from the SBA for 2011. Somat is pleased to be part of the nation's economic recovery and help create inner city engineering jobs."

