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## Healthier Communities 20/20: A Clear Vision for Our Future; Owens & Minor will Explore this Theme at its 12th Annual Healthcare Supplier Diversity Symposium

*The event will take place September 14-15, 2017, at the BWI Airport Marriott in Linthicum, MD*

RICHMOND, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- For the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, [Owens & Minor, Inc.](#) (NYSE: OMI) will host its [Annual Healthcare Supplier Diversity Symposium](#) with a focus this year on the theme of *Healthier Communities 20/20: A Clear Vision for Our Future*. This year's Symposium will highlight successful models of public-private partnerships in healthcare that promote a positive impact in communities. Scheduled for September 14-15 at the BWI Airport Marriott near Baltimore, the Symposium will offer attendees the opportunity to engage in solutions-oriented discussions that are focused around critical economic and societal issues that disproportionately affect diverse enterprises and communities. The driving aim of these exchanges is to promote best practices and collaborative business-building models that lead to the sustainable growth of supply chain diversity in healthcare.

Keynote speakers and panelists will cover topics ranging from how to leverage public and private partnerships to deliver quality healthcare, to discussions over how to create health equity in under-represented communities, as well as to discussions on how to move business development from contacts to contracts. Speakers and attendees will represent corporate executives and business leaders from healthcare systems, medical products manufacturers, distributors, diverse enterprises, government, and academia.

One of the highlights of the Symposium is the Earl G. Reubel Awards Gala, where Owens & Minor will honor leadership in diversity advocacy that is demonstrated by healthcare systems, diverse enterprises, and civic leaders. Named for the founder of Virginia-based Kerma Medical Products, the award was established by Owens & Minor to honor the late Earl G. Reubel, whose vision of building a legacy through [Kerma Medical](#) demonstrated the true spirit of entrepreneurship. The keynote speaker for the 2017 Earl G. Reubel Awards Gala on Thursday, September 14, will be [Janice Bryant Howroyd, founder and CEO of Act-1 Group](#). She will explore the unique value proposition that diverse corporations offer toward unlocking economic growth. Earlier that day, the conference will feature a roundtable discussion moderated by [James Lowry, President of James H. Lowry & Associates](#). Panelists will include [Cody Phipps, Chairman, President & CEO of Owens & Minor](#), and [Shelley Stewart, Jr., Vice President - DuPont Sourcing & Logistics](#).

"At Owens & Minor, we believe that diversity strengthens our businesses, our communities, and our society," said Phipps. "Our vision for the future is one where we celebrate the diversity of ideas from different cultures, and where the citizens of our communities have equal access to opportunities for growth and development. We know that new ideas and innovation come from a wide variety of sources, and we want to tap those ideas. Each year at our Symposium, we welcome the opportunity to network and share our experiences and our ideas."

The success of this industry-wide event is the result of many supporting partners. Owens & Minor extends special recognition to Diamond Sponsors - [B. Braun Medical, Inc.](#), [Evanston Technology Partners](#), [NTT Data](#), [Medtronic](#), and [McKinsey & Company](#). Special recognition is also extended to founding sponsor the [Healthcare Supplier Diversity Alliance](#) (HSDA), whose long-standing support reflects a noteworthy commitment to diversity.

This year's event will be held at the BWI Marriott in Linthicum, Maryland, near BWI Airport. For more information about the Symposium, please visit [www.hsdsymposium.com](http://www.hsdsymposium.com).

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