

## **David Burton**

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David J. Burton AICP is Founder/ President/CEO of the Diverse Manufacturing Supply Chain Alliance (DMSCA, formerly the National Minority Manufacturing Institute (NMMI). His white paper, *“The Strategic Intervention of Minority Small Manufacturing Enterprises in the Manufacturing Supply Chain* written while consulting with the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership lead to pilot Department of Commerce and Department of Agriculture grant for a multi-year performance and quality driven diverse manufacturing supplier development program. Successes with this effort lead to his working with the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to develop a national program to support diverse manufacturing development. Work with NIST land interest by the U.S. Navy in use of the model in its Mentor-Protégé program, lead to the formation of NMMI. Burton is also President of SCDC Management Company, a management consulting company for supplier development Mentors in the U.S. Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé program, business research, and economic development programs.

Burton has written numerous articles on supply chain related supplier development including, *“Moving Without the Ball – Beating the Odds in Strategically Sourced Global Supply Chains”*; *Moving Without the Ball – Prepare to Play on a Faster Court* , *“Moving Without the Ball III – “Performance Differentiation and Running with the Big Dogs”* , *“Corporate Mentoring – Key to Minority Manufacturing Integration in the Global Value Chain”*; *Minority Manufacturing in FTZs - A Key to Job Retention in the US*; *“Minority Supplier Supply Chain Alignment – A Window of Opportunity”* and others. Burton has a long record of experience in cutting edge innovative diverse small business development, community development, and small business funding programs. He was a business manager with the former Control Data Corporation to develop private-public sector supported small business incubators called Business and Technology Centers in designated urban areas. He holds a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Regional Science and Planning and an MS from Morgan State University. He was a USRA Captain in the U.S. Army and is a decorated Vietnam Veteran.