

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY

SKOLNIK



A few EABRG members took a visit to the Skolnik manufacturing facilities and did a tour with the owner, Howard Skolnik. Left to Right – Michael Gooding, Nancy Conner, Nathan Whittom, Liz Pizzolato, **Dean Ricker, Veronica Crouchelli, Howard Skolnik (Bold = Skolnik Team)**

Skolnik manufactures a wide range of Steel Drums for commercial and government use, including Salvage Drums, Wine Barrels, Crevice-Free Stainless Steel Drums, Mil-Spec Packaging, UN Packaging, HazMat Containers, Overpack Drums and more. Skolnik's boutique manufacturing plants in Chicago, Illinois, produce products that are thicker, heavier and stronger than industry standards require, offer extreme durability, and comply with domestic and international regulations. Skolnik is a catalog supplier and originally started as a supplier to Lab Safety Supply. They are the first LGBT certified product supplier for Grainger, and part of the Supplier Diversity program. Grainger is proud to be a corporate sponsor of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), the certifying organization for LGBT owned companies.

Not only is that exciting from Grainger's standpoint – but the owner of Skolnik had the same sentiment. Per Howard Skolnik, "Achieving LGBT Certification testifies that Skolnik is embracing diversity in our corporate management. Being the first manufacturing company to qualify as a Diversity Supplier to Grainger, is a testimonial to our companies working together to raise the level of corporate social responsibility of industry."

From a Grainger standpoint – our relationship with Skolnik is one that is valued highly. Skolnik is a great business partner and has been since 2004. They continue to attend Grainger's National Sales Show every year as well as support Brand tradeshows throughout the years. They also support our Grainger sellers, with customer quotes and visits in the domestic USA, Mexico, and Peru. They are consistently a reliable and strategic supply partner to Grainger.

