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Ameren pays for CEOs to attend Dartmouth leadership program

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For the first time, Ameren Corp. is paying the tuition and travel costs for the chief executive officers of three local suppliers to attend the Business Minority Executive Program at the Tuck School at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

The executives selected for the program are:

David Mason, president and chief executive officer, David Mason & Associates, an African-American-owned company that provides civil and structural engineering, architectural, land surveying and construction management/program management services.

Anthony Gonzalez-Angel, senior managing partner of the Gonzalez Companies, which in 2008 was recognized as the Hispanic Company of the Year by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. His firm provides construction, engineering, construction management and architectural services.

Becky Spurgeon, chief financial officer and vice president of Interface Construction Corp., an African-American-owned firm that was founded in 1978. The company specializes in construction management and general contracting.

Major criteria for selection were the amount of business they did with Ameren and the supplier's success in providing service to a range of companies in the region.

Since 1980, the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth has helped minority business executives succeed and now boasts 4,400 graduates.

With assets of approximately \$23 billion, Ameren (NYSE: AEE) serves 2.4 million electric customers and one million natural gas customers in a 64,500-square-mile area of Missouri and Illinois.