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SDG&E is a regulated public utility that provides safe and reliable energy service to 3.4 million consumers through 1.4 million electric meters and more than 860,000 natural gas meters in San Diego and southern Orange counties. The utility's service area spans 4,100 square miles.

Sydney is responsible for directing the Supplier Diversity programs for San Diego Gas & Electric. Sydney and his team are committed to maximizing business opportunities for minority, women, and service disabled veteran's business enterprises. Sydney is responsible for overseeing the DBE relationships in technical assistance programs and supplier advocacy programs, developing and enhancing Diverse Business Enterprise outreach programs.

For the past eight years, SDG&E has exceeded the overall Diverse Business Enterprise (DBE) percentage goals set by the California Public Utility Commission and Sydney is proud of the fact that 44.4 percent of the company's purchases in 2014 were with diverse businesses. Sydney has 25 years of experience with Sempra Energy Utilities in management positions including Fleet Services, Billing, Meter Reading and Advanced Metering. Prior to starting with SDG&E, Sydney worked as a consultant for General Electric Capital Leasing and as a System Programmer for Scientific Atlanta.

Sydney earned his Master Degree in Business Administrations degree from National University, San Diego and a Bachelor of Science degree in computer Information Systems from DeVry Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA.