

Press Release

Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce presents the "Top 100" Minority Business Awards

MIAMI, FL, March 30, 2006 – Today, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of the Top 100 Minority Business Awards during a luncheon at the Radisson Hotel Miami. The luncheon highlights and celebrates our region's rich diversity and spirit of entrepreneurship across a wide variety of industries. A total of 11 companies received awards in the following categories:

Highest Revenue Growth Rate:

The Related Group of Florida

Jorge Pérez, Chairman & CEO
2828 Coral Way
Miami, FL 33145
Contact: Jeneissy Azcuy
305-460-9900 x. 153

Highest Employee Growth Rate:

Anna Bella Boutique

Erin Meligan Londos, President
1734 Main Street
Weston, FL 33326
Contact: Erin Meligan Londos
954-446-6811

Innovation in Training & Development:

Brightstar Corporation

R. Marcelo Claure, Chairman, CEO & President
2010 NW 84 Avenue
Miami, FL 33122
Contact: Cristina Lopez
305-421-6000

Innovation in the Marketplace:

<p><i>Large Company:</i> Conchita Foods, Inc. Sixto L. Ferro, President, CEO 9115 NW 105 Way Medley, FL 33178 Contact: Sixto L. Ferro 305-888-9703</p>	<p><i>Small Company:</i> NEO Concepts LLC Lissette M. Calderon, CEO 1637 SW 8 Street Miami, FL 33135 Contact: Nitzu Stockdale 305-285-1418</p>
---	---

Commitment to Diversity:

Mercedes Electric Supply, Inc.

Mercedes LaPorta, President
8550 NW South River Drive
Miami, FL 33166
Contact: Mercedes LaPorta
305-887-5550 or 305-793-0111

This awards program was made possible by the following sponsors: **Regions Bank; Bank of America; NBC6/Telemundo; Burger King and The Miami Herald; DHL** and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida; EAC Consulting; FIU College of Business; Goldstein Schechter, Price, Lucas, Horwitz & Co, P.A.; Home Equity Mortgage; International Consulting Group; MCM Corporation; MGE Architects; Ocean Bank; Perry Ellis International; SRS Engineering; The Related Group; Staples, Supermix Concrete, SunTrust and Verdeja, Gravier & DeArmas and WTPS AM 1080.

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is an association of businesses and professions organized to create economic progress in Miami-Dade County. Its mission is to make South Florida the most business-friendly region in the Americas and to promote members' competitiveness through state of the art benefits and services, support for sustainable economic development, and advocacy to enhance the business environment. To carry out this mission, the Chamber serves as the voice of business enterprise and involves the private sector in community leadership.