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PRESS RELEASE

African American Chamber Announces Business of the Year Award Winners

Cincinnati October 22, 2009: The African American Chamber announced the winners of the Business of the Year awards, who were celebrated at the 9th Annual Business to Business Exchange and Expo during the awards luncheon, held on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

The annual award luncheon was emceed by WLWT-TV Channel 5 President & General Manager, Richard Dyer, and keynote address delivered by TVOne political commentator and CNN analyst, Roland S. Martin.

The African American Chamber business of the year awards recognizes those companies that have demonstrated excellence in business, and embody the spirit of the mission of the African American Chamber: "To establish, cultivate and strengthen consumer and business relationships, provide access to major corporate markets for our members to help increase business opportunities, and assist in developing strategic partnerships and alliances for the purpose of strengthening and growing the business community."

Chosen from numerous submissions and finalist this year's business of the year award winners by categories are:

Emerging business of the Year Award: *(This award recognizes a member of the Chamber that has been in business for 3 years or less, practices sound business strategies, demonstrates solid business growth and employee programs, in addition to community involvement.)*

Richardson & Associates LLC. (Sherri Richardson, President)

Small Business of the Year *(less than 15 employees): (This award recognizes those businesses that have been in business more than 3 years, that have been members of the African American Chamber for at least 2 years, and have proven track records of sustained business growth, strength in management capability and employee programs, in addition to community involvement and contributions.)*

World Pac Paper, LLC (Edgar L. Smith, President)

Small Business of the Year (16 or more employees): *(This award recognizes those businesses that have been in business more than 3 years, that have been members of the African American Chamber for at least 2 years, and have proven track records of sustained business growth, strength in management capability and employee programs, in addition to community involvement and contributions.)*

Hooven-Dayton Corporation (Christopher Che, President)

Corporation of the Year: *Corporation of the Year is a member in good standing of the African American Chamber for at least two years. The company is able to demonstrate executive commitment to supplier diversity, and has the support of the African American business community and a commitment of economic inclusion.*

Supervalu holdings dba bigg's

President's Regional Partner Award: *(This award recognizes organizations or institutions that have partnered with the African American Chamber and made a positive, regional impact for the minority business community. It speaks to the collaboration available in our region and how that can be leveraged to make major strides for our business community.)*

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