



Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

# Chamber Insider

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## National Hispanic Chamber of the Year

The Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GDHCC) recently received the designation of being named "National Hispanic Chamber of the Year." The distinctive award was announced last week during the Annual Convention of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce held in Puerto Rico.

This is the sixth time the GDHCC has won the "National Chamber of the Year" designation. It is the only Hispanic Chamber in the country to receive the honor this frequently. Accepting the award for the GDHCC was Board Chairman Chris Langmayer, general manager of Veolia Transportation, and CiCi Rojas, president and CEO of the GDHCC.

"It was more than 60 years ago that a group of people gathered to discuss what could be done to improve the economic and business life of Dallas Texans," Langmayer said. "The GDHCC (although not under that name) was created and continues to flourish today. Our services of assisting businesses through operations and procurement, providing scholarships for youth, building community service and advocacy, and establishing leaders, brought us national recognition. We're very proud of that."



The GDHCC earned the award

because of its encompassing programs for the Greater Dallas community. For example, supporting three Business Assistance Centers (BACs), the Chamber has provided technical and business planning assistance to more than 150 start-up companies.

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## Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Quality & Excellence Entrepreneur Awards

**Celebrating the Success and Achievements of Hispanic Entrepreneurs**

On November 2, 2007 the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Quality and Excellence Awards Banquet in celebration of the successes and achievements of Hispanic Entrepreneurs. The winners of this year's awards are:



**Gilbert May**  
Phillips/May Corp.

**Q&E 2007  
Empire Builder  
Entrepreneur Award**



**John Avila, Jr.**  
Thos. S. Byrne, Ltd.

**Q&E 2007 Innovator  
Entrepreneur Award**



**Javier F. Huerta**  
Carco Painting  
Contractors, Inc.

**Q&E 2007 Trendsetter  
Entrepreneur Award**



**Elizabeth Chavez**  
Ponce Contractors, Inc

**Q&E 2007 Pacesetter  
Entrepreneur Award**



**Gonzalo Godinez**  
Romas Boots &  
Shoe Repair

**Q&E 2007  
Groundbreaker  
Entrepreneur Award**

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## Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau and Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau (Dallas CVB) and the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GDHCC) are proud to announce the beginning of a new progressive and aggressive relationship.

Over the past year, the bureau and GDHCC have strategically planned a partnership to place Dallas in the forefront of the convention and tourism industry. Since our partnership developed, we have made great strides in focusing on attracting TOP conventions to Dallas and are beginning to see BIG results.

In just six months, we have attracted and booked numerous Hispanic events and conventions. Among these are the Tejano Music

Awards and Convention in 2008 and 2009 and the Latin American Citizens (LULAC) state conference for 2009 which will both be held in Dallas. The Conference of Minority Transportation Officials; National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions for Latinos; Latina Style Magazine International Series; and Iglesia Evangelista Cristiana Espiritual are also prestigious events that will be held in Dallas in the coming years. Some of the recent conferences Dallas hosted include: National Association of Hispanic Firefighters; Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials; Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education; Hispanic Re-

tail 360; and Hispanic Women's Network of Texas among others.

In addition, the DCVB is excited to announce the recent partnership with The ChiChi Group, a Dallas-based company that represents our efforts in public relations and community outreach. This fall, the DCVB and The ChiChi Group will introduce a new Latino microsite that caters to the Latino community and Dallas visitors alike.

I look forward to reporting to you regularly on our sales and marketing progress.

Veronica Torres