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Hispanic Chamber Board Member sweeps regional competition and takes National Award



SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce returned from the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (USHCC) Conference in Puerto Rico earlier this week boasting about one of their own winning a National award during the USHCC’s 2007 Hispanic Leadership and Business Excellence Award. Board Member Raúl P. Lomelí-Azoubel, won the USHCC’s *Corporate Business Advocate of the Year Award*. Lomelí was named the National award winner at the USHCC Awards Gala on Sat., Sept. 22, after being selected from a group of regional winners.

Lomelí has been an important part of the Hispanic Chamber for three years, and currently serves on the Executive Committee as Chair of Business Development. Lomelí oversees the Hispanic Chamber’s Business Development Committee and the Small Business Task Force Committee for SA to DC amongst others. “The professionalism and efficacy of our local Hispanic Chamber makes it easy for Board Members to be enthusiastically engaged,” said Lomelí. Moreover, he also created the Healthcare Task Force earlier this year, which has elevated the status of the Hispanic Healthcare Summit from a local event to one of national importance, securing speakers from across the United States to attend the Summit.

Lomelí is currently leading the scholarship selection process for the Chamber’s Access to Technology Program, which allows small business owners to take advantage of classes to advance their technological skills. In addition, under Lomelí’s guidance, the Hispanic Chamber’s Meet the Buyer event (held in June 2007) successfully placed at least 30 Hispanic Chamber small businesses on the procurement lists of our corporate partners.

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