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Awards Luncheon ANNOUNCED

“BLACKS IN TECHNOLOGY: Bridging the Gap”

The San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce (SFAACC) **Juneteenth** Business Awards Luncheon will be held this year at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis located at **55 Fourth Street**, San Francisco, California on **Friday, June 19, 2015**. The event will kick off with a **VIP** reception at **11:00 a.m.** followed by the program and lunch from **11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Proceeds from this event will provide tools and resources to current and future African American business owners and will be utilized to enhance the ongoing outreach to bridge the gap in technology.

The SFAACC is pleased to have **Supervisor Malia Cohen as Mistress of Ceremonies**. Since November 2010, Supervisor Cohen has represented the residents of San Francisco's 10th District. Supervisor Cohen serves as Chair of the Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee, Vice Chair of the San Francisco Transportation Authority Committee; Vice President of the San Francisco Retirement System (SFRS); a member of Board of Supervisors Rules Committee and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board.

Juneteenth Business Awards 2015 recipients are:

Bridging the Gap - Supplier Diversity Award honoree:

Traci Wade, Senior Diversity and Inclusion Consultant, Human Resources - ORACLE

Ms. Wade has managed strategy development at Oracle for over 10 years. Her mission is to broaden and create a diverse and inclusive workforce. With over 15 years of recruiting experience, she focuses specifically on diversity hiring initiatives. She also manages strategic partnerships and relationships, branding and communications, employee resource groups, affinity groups, scholarships programs and diversity internship programs.

Bridging the Gap - Outstanding Tech Entrepreneur of the Year honoree:

Wayne Perry, President – Cornerstone Consulting & Technology, Inc.

Wayne H. Perry is the President of Cornerstone Consulting & Technology, Inc., a San Francisco headquartered company established in 1986, with offices in Richmond, Oakland, and Los Angeles, as well as Washington, DC, and Seattle, Washington.

Cornerstone Consulting & Technology, Inc., provides strategic planning, training, management, and professional consulting services to major commercial and public transportation entities, services facilities and technology infrastructure capital programs for clients throughout the United States. Mr. Perry is also a visiting lecturer at the University of Hong Kong where he provides instruction on sustainability, advanced building technology, construction technology, business strategy and management practices for the Schools of Architecture and Engineering. Mr. Perry has held former positions as an appointee and member of the California's Governor's Small Business Reform Task Force; as Secretary Appointee and Education and Outreach Committee Co-Chair of the Small Business Council for the California Department of General Services, and as a Commissioner to the San Francisco Small Business Advisory Commission, appointed by Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr.

Lifetime Achievement honoree:

Zula Jones, Retiree San Francisco City/County

Zula Jones has dedicated over 26 years of service as a Contract Compliance Officer with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Throughout her careers, Ms. Jones has made a personal commitment to improve the lives of others in San Francisco. Encouraging the inclusion of minority, women and local business enterprise participation in public contracts, Ms. Jones is a founding member of the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce in addition to helping establish the Coalition of Economic Equity. Through her work with these organizations, Ms. Jones helped to create San Francisco's first uniformed, non-discrimination policy in the awarding of City's contracts. She is co-author of San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 12D, and the Minority/Women/Local Business Enterprises Utilization Ordinance.

Bridging the Gap – Corporate honoree:

Lisa Lambert, Vice-President and Managing Director of Intel Capital – Intel Corporation

Lisa Lambert is the managing director of the Software and Services Group, a voting member of Intel Capital's investment committee and leads Intel Capital's Diversity Fund which invests in women and minority led technology companies. Ms. Lambert also held a product marketing management position with Intel's Desktop Products Group with responsibility for the Pentium II/III processor family. Ms. Lambert is the founder and executive director of UPWARD (www.upwardwomen.org), a professional, non-profit organization focused on accelerating careers of senior professional women.

Marketing Agency of the Year Award honoree:

Michael DeFlorimonte, the RegistryBayArea.com

Michael DeFlorimonte is a technology and marketing professional with more than 20 years of marketing, strategic planning, internet technology and brand management expertise.

His corporate experience includes Charles Schwab where as Vice President he oversaw the African American Investor Services enterprise nationwide; Chief Marketing Officer for the Rock Church in San Diego; founder of michaelD. Communications (mDC), and Publisher of theREGISTRYBayArea.com, the Bay Area's online destination for African American arts, culture, lifestyle and technology.

Bridging The Gap - IT Woman of the Year Award honoree:

Dr. Geanie Asante, Assistant Vice President – Wells Fargo

Dr. Geanie Asante is a seasoned IT Professional with over 25 years of designing, developing, and marketing consumer-based IT Systems in the financial markets. Dr. Asante is currently an Assistant Vice President at Wells Fargo where she has won several awards for leadership, diversity, and teamwork including a commendation as a Wells Fargo “Diversity Champion”.

Dr. Asante is also an active member of the board of Unity High School of Oakland where she is a student mentor and technology trainer. She has also served on the Board of the STRIDE Center.

Small Business Affairs Liaison of the Year honoree:

Sandra Crumpler, Manager, Airport Small Business Affairs, San Francisco International Airport

Sandra has worked at SFO for over 32 years to ensure that local small businesses are receiving contracts, operating retail shops, and managing or owning restaurants at the airport. She is primarily responsible for policy and program development for small businesses and oversees the federal and local non-discrimination requirements and contract compliance programs.

ABOUT THE SFAACC

Since its inception, the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce (SFAACC) is one of California's most influential minority business organizations, representing and promoting African American business interests in San Francisco through education, advocacy, and economic development. SFAACC is creating a firm economic base that supports the self-determination and survival of African American businesses.

ABOUT JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Today, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education, business ownership, and personal achievement. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement, coalition building, and for planning the future.