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### **Vallejo Chamber of Commerce Announces 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Outstanding Business of the Year Awards**

Four (4) outstanding businesses were honored with 2006 Business of the Year awards at the Vallejo Chamber's 132nd Installation on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominees were judged on the following criteria:

*Demonstration of Creativity, Innovation and Investment in their Business*  
*Demonstration of Socially Responsible Business Practices and Inspiration to Businesses through Dedication and Caring*  
*Demonstration of Commitment to the Support and Promotion of this Community*

#### **Business of the Year – Small Business**

Hamann Real Estate has been serving Vallejo and Solano County for more than 20 years and has been a Chamber member since 1998. Hamann has 10 professionals with over 75 years combined experience working at its headquarters and was voted Best of Solano County in 2006. It includes many top professionals and leaders in its industry.

Hamann Real Estate is known for their commitment to client satisfaction. They are well known in the community for integrity and customer service.

This business is extremely active in the community. Among other things in 2006, this business adopted a school, organized a blood drive, was active in Soroptomists and the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum and contributed greatly to the Relay for Life.

In addition to being a founding partner in the Chamber's Cornerstone Sponsorship program, Hamann Real Estate supports all the Chamber's events, is a regular advertiser in Vallejo Business and has an active role on the Chamber's Political Advocacy Committee.

#### **Business of the Year – Mid Size Business**

Paul Roberts & Partners, Inc. has grown from a staff of two to a staff of 16 in less than four years and is well known for demonstrating socially responsible business practices. It is a collaborative practice known for its leadership in emphasizing environmentally friendly business practices and energy conservation.

This downtown Vallejo business has been a Chamber member since 2003, and this firm's work can be seen throughout California at colleges, libraries, and municipal buildings.

Paul Roberts & Partners, Inc. is committed to the Vallejo community through its support of VALCORE, the Vallejo Library, the Boy Scouts, the Vallejo Music Theatre, Genesis House and Loma Vista Farms.

This firm came in at the highest level of investment in the Vallejo Chamber with a Pinnacle Level Sponsorship in 2006, was a great supporter of the Seafood Extravaganza & Auction, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Golf Tournament, among many other activities.

### **Business of the Year – Large Size Business**

MV Transportation/Vallejo Transit is a blend of new and old. The original company has a long-standing tradition of 50 years of employee-owned and operated service to Vallejo. This firm is a professional and innovative contractor who supplies top quality, safe and reliable service for [customers](#) at reasonable prices.

MV Transportation/Vallejo Transit performs a critical service for the citizens of Vallejo and it significantly upgraded both the product and service in 2006. It has tremendous respect for its employees, many of whom have been with company for 20, 30 or even 40 years.

This company's employees are active volunteers in all types of community activities and organizations, including the Red Cross, volunteering at local senior centers, and little leagues.

MV Transportation/Vallejo Transit supports the Chamber in many ways. It is a Cornerstone Sponsor and hosts a table or a group at every major event. This firm was also a generous sponsor of the recent Vallejo Business Alliance Trade Mission, providing complimentary transportation to and from the airport for all 22 delegates.

### **Business of the Year – Large Size Business**

Team Superstores is one of the highest profile businesses in Vallejo and has been an active Chamber member since 1996.

This company currently operates two headquarters in Vallejo and will soon open two more. The company is known for its value, price competitiveness and incredibly friendly service. It is a regular winner of customer service awards in its industry.

Team Superstores shows its commitment to Vallejo on a daily basis, with both its new, large financial investment in its new facilities and its charitable contribution. This company is a major donor and/or sponsor to most major events and organizations in Vallejo, including the Solano County Fair and the Vallejo Jazz Festival, the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation, the Medusa Mile, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Vallejo Police Activities League

Team Superstores supports the Chamber through the Ducky Derby and the Cornerstone Program, and in many other ways, including service on the Board of Directors.

### **Additional Honors at the Installation:**

New Member of the Year:  
Ambassador of the Year:

Lisa Saper, Saper Paper  
Vida "Ike" Redman, Mustico Realty

Athena Award:  
Bud Butler Chamber Man of the Year

Sharon Miller, USARC-PACE  
Dr. John Harrington, Vallejo Chiropractic