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Deputy CEO John Catoe receives Community Service Award from GLAAACC officials, from left, Chairman Gene Hale, John Catoe, Board Member Bettye Dixon, and President-elect Angela Gibson. The Community Service Award is given to a community organization or individual that has made outstanding contributions to economic development and to the overall betterment of the African American community.



Hernandez, Catoe Honored by African American Chamber

(April 8, 2005) Two Metro employees were honored by the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce in March for their efforts to promote small business contracting in transportation.



Joe Hernandez, who manages the Labor Compliance, Contract Compliance, Certification, and Outreach Units in the Diversity and Economic Opportunity Department, received the Small Business Advocate award for advocating utilization of small minority owned firms on Metro contracting.

Joe Hernandez

The award recognized Hernandez for the past year's efforts to outreach to small firms on the Metro Gold Line's Eastside Extension contract.

Deputy CEO John Catoe also received an award from the group during the March 24 ceremony in recognition of his leadership in transportation.

The African American Chamber presented the honors during its annual economic awards dinner to individuals and corporations that have contributed to the economic growth and development of the African American community.

"In their various capacities, these individuals have utilized all of the resources at their disposal to ensure the success of small and African American-owned businesses," said Chamber Chairman Gene Hale.

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