



**Indo-American Chamber of Commerce
To host Eleventh Annual Gala/Awards Banquet**

Seeks Sponsors and Award Submissions

HOUSTON (June 16, 2010) –The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) will hold its 11th annual gala and awards banquet on Saturday, August 14, at the Westin Galleria Hotel. The theme for this year's event is *Think India, Think Houston* to capture the spirit of business interchange and opportunity that exists between the nation's fourth largest city and one of the fastest growing economic powerhouses in the world.

Special guests include Indian Consul General and Mrs. Sanjiv Arora and Houston Mayor Annise Parker -- both of whom will address the gala audience. The event will begin with registration and a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner and the awards ceremony start at 7 p.m. in the hotel's Plaza Ballroom.

During the ceremony, recipients of the annual IACCGH awards will be recognized for their efforts to enhance business and trade relationships between the U.S. and India. To submit an entry for an award in the category of Outstanding Business Person of the Year, Outstanding Young Business Person of the Year (age 40 or under) or Outstanding Business Woman of the Year download the nomination form (from www.iaccgh.com). Nominations must be completed and returned to the Chamber office by June 30, 2010.

Event sponsorship opportunities that include publicity components still exist at varying levels, ranging from \$25,000 to \$1,000.

A limited number of individual seats are available at \$250 each. Members of IACCGH can contact the chamber for special members-only rates.

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston would like to acknowledge their major event underwriters, Wells Fargo Bank and Continental Airlines, as well as their media underwriter, the Houston Business Journal (at time of print).

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston is the voice of the Indo-American business community. IACCGH is committed to facilitating commerce between the U.S. and India. The chamber strives to use its good will to enable Indo-American businesses to succeed while facilitating access to the Indo-American market for its members.

IACCGH actively supports its members by offering a mentoring program for small businesses, networking events, lecture series, and presenting visibility at events with partners including Government Procurement Connections, Women's Business Enterprise Alliance Expo, Houston Minority Supplier Development Council Expo and Diversity Summit. For the benefit of member businesses, valuable alliances have been created with complementary organizations such as the Greater Houston Partnership and the Houston Minority Business Council.

"Our organization has grown from a few charter members in 1999 to several hundred members today," said IACCGH President Madhukar Prasad. "Our members include a large number of small businesses, professionals and consultants, who are the backbone of our economy, as well as large corporations. It's all about the impact we can make as a powerful and united front."

"Since its inception more than 11 years ago, the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston has served the needs of our members as well as our community. We hope to stimulate economic and industry growth and promote Indian business success in the U.S. while providing our business partners with access to opportunities in India. In our 11 years of existence, we've proven our worth to our members, offering them opportunities to engage in bilateral trade, participation in our community outreach programs, our diversity and educational initiatives, and networking and visibility opportunities," said Executive Director Jagdip Ahluwalia.

For underwriting and sponsorship opportunities, to get information about the gala or for general membership information email almamach@aol.com, call 713-624-7131 or visit the website at: <http://www.iaccgh.com>

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