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AUTHORITY SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE HONORED BY
THE GREATER LOS ANGELES AFRICAN AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Small Business Advocate Robert Padilla was honored for his work by the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC). Padilla received the prestigious Small Business Advocate Award from the GLAAACC at the organization’s 20th Anniversary Economic Awards Dinner.

The award is historically given to the individual, organization, or major company that has demonstrated the highest level of responsiveness in advocating for the small business enterprise. The Authority and Padilla are committed to helping Small Businesses play a major role in the high-speed rail program. The Authority’s Small Business Program has an aggressive 30 percent goal for small business participation including Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (BDVE) and Micro-Businesses (MB). Padilla has spent more than a decade connecting small businesses to contracts and job opportunities with the state of California.

“Robert Padilla certainly deserves this honor,” said Jeff Morales, Authority CEO. “His outreach efforts to small businesses are playing a critical role in bringing minority owned businesses to the table and providing them with the tools to participate in California’s high-speed rail program.”

Padilla was on hand to receive his award at GLAAACC’s Economic Awards Dinner which was held on April 5, 2013 in Los Angeles.

About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state’s 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority’s website at cahighspeedrail.ca.gov and join us on facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra/

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