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August 19, 2008

Dear Business Associate,

The Grand Bahama Chamber Of Commerce will hold it's Business Excellence Recognition Awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Regency Theatre, commencing at with cocktails at 7:00 p.m., followed by Awards Presentations at 8:00 p.m. During the Ceremony ~ which will be an exciting red carpet affair ~ several persons from the business community will be recognized for their commitment to excellence and the development of and contribution to our community.

The Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the categories for nomination as follows:

- **Outstanding Business Person of the Year**
- **Developing Entrepreneur of the Year**
- **Company of the Year**
- **Philanthropic Business or Business Person of the Year**
- **Business Student of the Year**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Enclosed are the judging criteria and Nomination Entry Form. Nomination Forms must be submitted to the office of The Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce no later than September 18, 2008.

We ask that you give us your full support by nominating a candidate of your choice and also with your attendance at this event. A Program Booklet is being produce to commemorate the occasion. We invite you to share in the moment with an advertisement. The attached information sheet provides you with the cost.

We are counting on your support, and hope that you will be encouraged to join us for this event, and also to support deserving businessperson of our community.

Sincerely,

*Mercynth Ferguson
Executive Director/Administrator*

"Vision, Implementation & Reward"

**THE GRAND BAHAMA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Please reserve the following space in the Program Booklet of The Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce and reserve tickets as indicated.

RESERVE FORM

CHECK () appropriate box

COMPANY NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

TICKETS REQUESTED @ \$80.00 EA: _____

ADVERTISEMENT ONLY: ___ (Please include preferred Ad.)

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| <input type="radio"/> Half Page | \$100.00 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Quarter Page | \$50.00 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Inside Front Cover | \$300.00 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Inside Back Cover | \$300.00 | _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Outside Cover | \$350.00 | _____ |

Form must be received at the Chamber no later than October 1, 2008.

Make cheque payable to:
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** Part proceeds toward scholarship recipient.*



THE Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce **BUSINESS EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

We are now accepting nominations for the Business Excellence Recognition Awards. These prestigious awards are designed to honour outstanding Grand Bahamian businesses and executives.

Entries for nominations should include the completed entry form and a summary of between 200 – 500 words that a) explains why this nominee merits being the winner of the award; b) highlights specific business and management practices relevant to the award; and c) illustrates the company's commitment to employees and the community.

Any individual who knows of a businessperson that is excelling and meets the judging criteria can make nominations. Self-nominations are acceptable. The nominator should ensure that the nominee would show a willingness to participate in this award program. The deadline for nominations is September 18, 2008. Please retain a copy of your completed entry.

JUDGING CRITERIA

In judging this award, the following selection criteria will be considered, but not limited to the following:

- Business age
- Nature of activities
- Historical performance – business achievements
- Contribution to Bahamian economy
- Management/Employee Relations
- Contribution to employment and employee training
- Commitment to fair and honest conduct in the marketplace
- Contribution to the community, or a charity

1. *Outstanding Businessperson of the Year* award is given to recognize the most outstanding businessperson, selected from the nominations received. Increase in business income, innovative spirit, new market acquisitions, job creation and the overall impact on the community, are all aspects that make this businessperson stand out. The business must have had at least five years of operation by June 2008. The winner will be chosen by a panel of judges appointed by the Board of Directors at the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce.
2. *Developing Entrepreneur of the Year* award is given to recognize the entrepreneur who has started a new business in the private sector within the past five years. The business must have at least one full year, but less than five years of operation by June 2008.
3. *Company of the Year* is awarded to the business, which has proven to produce good corporate citizens and improve business while adhering to ethical business practices, is involved and active in industry organizations, and is a willing contributor to enhancing the overall development of The Bahamas. Two sub-categories: a) Small Business with 1-50 employees; b) Large Business with over 50 employee
4. *Business Student of the Year* – Grade 11 or 12 student who has excelled in their Business Studies and work experience in the community.
5. *Philanthropic Business or (Business Person) of the Year* – that company or person who has contributed through their business to help charitable organizations or community groups.
6. *Lifetime Achievement Award* – Business person who is recognized for their lifelong growth and contributions to Grand Bahama Island.

The deadline for submissions is 5.00 p.m. September 18, 2008. Nominees will be informed of their qualification for the Awards by the Nomination Committee of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce.

The Business Excellence Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held on October 18, 2008.

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NOMINATION ENTRY FORM

NOMINEE: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE MUST BE SUBMITTED IF POSSIBLE

I NOMINATE THIS BUSINESS/BUSINESS PERSON (select category from 6 listed)

Category _____

NOMINATOR

MY NAME: _____ MY COMPANY'S NAME: _____

MY BUSINESS PHONE: _____ MY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STATEMENT: We understand that the judges may request a site visit at the nominated company's location. The Nominee agrees to host a visit and to facilitate an open and unbiased examination. The Nominee must agree to possible site photos to accompany their nomination. We also understand that by signing this application, we ensure that our nominee certifies compliance with local laws and regulations governing our nominee's business or the industry. We acknowledge that all submitted entries become the property of the Grand Bahama Chamber of Commerce and cannot be returned.

Signed: _____
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

Date: _____

Please submit nominations to:
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