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ALI SAHABI WINS GLOBAL LEADER AWARD

The presentation concludes World Trade Month, hosted by the County of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency and the Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce.

ONTARIO, Calif. – Inland Empire officials on Thursday recognized SE Corporation President Ali Sahabi for his contributions to promoting world trade in the region.

The County of San Bernardino Economic Development Agency and Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce presented Sahabi, the master developer of the sustainable mixed-use community of Dos Lagos in Corona, with the Inland Southern California Global Leader Award. The award was presented by San Bernardino County Supervisor Josie Gonzales at the end of the World Trade Month Signature Closing Luncheon held at the Ontario Convention Center.

“Ali Sahabi, we are in your debt because you have chosen to work with us,” Gonzales said. She commended Sahabi for following the values instilled in him by his parents, and for dedicating his life to making a difference through the Green Valley Initiative, (GVI), an economic development project designed to bring green jobs and businesses to the region.

Sahabi launched the Green Valley Initiative through his nonprofit organization, the Green Institute for Village Empowerment. Initially formed with about 100 key stakeholders from throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties, GVI now involves more than 500 people from all facets of the community – government, education, business, transportation, public utilities and environmental groups. To date, both counties and 14 cities have adopted resolutions in support of the effort. For information, visit www.greenvalleynow.org.

Sahabi’s commitment to sustainability is reflected through his many philanthropic gifts, including an endowment which established the Edward J. Blakely Center for Sustainable Suburban Development at UC Riverside. In 2006, he established GIVE, the Green Institute for Village Empowerment, a nonprofit committed to the education and promotion of sustainable practices throughout the Inland Empire and beyond. GIVE (www.giveforthefuture.org) is the sponsor of the Green Valley Initiative, a comprehensive movement involving key stakeholders from throughout the Inland Empire. It is Sahabi’s hope, through this vision, that Riverside and San Bernardino counties will evolve into the nation’s leading center for green technologies, sustainable building practices and a higher quality of life for everyone who lives here.

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