

## **HSA Fort Myers Wins The Esteemed 2006 Horizon Council Industry Appreciation Award!**



The Horizon Council is a public-private advisory board that advises the Board of Lee County Commissioners on Economic Development issues. The Council has 62 members representing five cities; 10 chambers of commerce; 12 economic development and trade organizations; 10 community, education and business organizations and the remaining serve as at-large members. The Economic Development Office of Lee County works to attract new and diversified businesses resulting in high-wage, high-skilled jobs; retains and encourages the expansion of existing businesses; and improves the overall business environment in Lee County. Additional information is available at [www.leecountybusiness.com](http://www.leecountybusiness.com).

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Each year in September, the Horizon Council of Lee County celebrates Industry Appreciation Week by honoring "outstanding local businesses exemplifying leadership, innovation and community involvement". *This year HSA was privileged to be one of four honorees selected from the thousands of businesses in Lee County to receive the award.*

HSA was awarded along with three other firms: CRS Technology, Norman Love Confections, and Tween Waters Inn. Historically, the award has been won by some of the top businesses in Lee County, including WCI Communities, Sony Electronics, Inc., Chico's, Pepsi-Cola, Owen-Ames-Kimball, and Ore-Ida Foods. *Notably, only one other engineering firm has ever been named among the nearly 80 firms that have been honored from 1992 to 2006.*

Richard Lewis, Managing Partner of the Fort Myers office, accepted the award for HSA before an audience of over 800 local business, community, and government leaders at the Industry Appreciation Awards Luncheon on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The polished and professional ceremony used pre-taped videos of each honoree's local operations and a message from their corporate leader. HSA's video segment opened with a view of our large signature water drop logo hanging in the Fort Myers lobby and was complemented by scenes of our employees hard at work throughout the office, with several staff members making their close-up debut showing examples of our work product through project drawings and exhibits.



**L-R: Tammy Hall - Lee County Commission, Richard Lewis, Karyn Lewis, Bruce Gora - Horizon Council Chairman**

**"Our people are our number one asset"**

is the message that Richard Lewis emphasized in his pre-recorded acceptance speech. He made note that this award is the *"validation of the success and accomplishment of [our] people"* He concluded his acceptance by remarking that at HSA *"we have three things that we focus on. We want to serve our clients, we want to do it profitably, and we want to make this a good place to work.....those are the ingredients that have made us successful and we're thrilled to be a part of this."*

# Charitable Giving

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."*

## **Winston Churchill**

One factor that makes HSA and CRA stand out as true community leaders is our devotion to charitable giving, an effort that is encouraged by our partners and shareholders and embraced by our employees.

Locally we have supported the following through corporate donations, in-kind services and employee involvement:

- Edison Invention & Science Fair
- MIT Club of Southwest Florida
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk
- Langford-Kingston Home
- Habitat for Humanity
- MATHCOUNTS
- Chips for Charity Poker Tournament

Nationally we have supported a variety of organizations including:

- Alzheimer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Heart Association
- American Parkinson Disease Association Inc.
- American Red Cross
- Canadian Red Cross
- Cure Autism Now
- Easter Seals
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- National Children's Cancer Society
- National M.S. Society
- National Reye's Syndrome Foundation, Inc.
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- The Salvation Army



HSA Fort Myers would like to thank all of our clients, coworkers and business partners who have given us the resources to build our local operation into an organization of professionals which strives to do our best!

## **Our Clients Throughout Lee County**

We are grateful to our many Clients who have given us the opportunity to serve the entire community through our involvement in thousands of projects throughout Lee County. ***We're grateful for the opportunity to work with you!***



***We consider this award a tribute to the entire HSA organization.*** HSA's commitment to giving our employees the opportunity to grow professionally and the chance to become partners in the organization is a key element in our ability to motivate and guide our staff in providing the best service possible to our clients. In addition, through innovations such as MAGS, a technique which is effective at rapidly detecting unsaturated soil source areas impacted by volatile organic compounds, we have become a leader in our industry, known for providing our clients with advanced solutions.



***As part of the CRA Family of Companies we have been given access to vital resources that have helped us to become a local industry leader.*** CRA's stellar safety program has enabled us to build a safe working environment for our staff, subconsultants and clients; the resources of CRA's intranet through "My Portal" allows our employees to stay connected with scientists and engineering experts all around the world; and the CRA Institute makes technical training available to our personnel through convenient on-line programs.



Our office was founded as Anchor Engineering Consultants, Inc. in 1980 and merged with HSA in 2003. On October 1, 2006 we began using the HSA name exclusively. ***Thanks to the solid reputation built by the founders and staff of Anchor Engineering, HSA Fort Myers has successfully grown to a staff of nearly 40 professionals.***