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SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto Honored by National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives

WASHINGTON – SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto was honored at a luncheon today by the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives where he received the group's Distinguished Public Service Award.

The NAHFE Distinguished Public Service Award is given to recognize excellence in leadership, creativity and innovation by persons who have made positive contributions to the success of both individuals and groups in the public and private sectors, and have had a positive impact on the Hispanic community.

"I am honored and humbled by this award," said Administrator Barreto. "I am very proud of the SBA's excellent record in recruiting the best and the brightest to serve the nation's small business community, especially at the executive level. I look forward to continuing to assist with the efforts of the Bush administration to find the most talented candidates from all communities to serve the American public."

NAHFE was established in 1980 by 50 management level Hispanic federal employees as a non-profit, non-partisan organization to promote excellence in public service through diversity and merit. Today it has a membership of close to 2,000 with nine chapters across America.

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