

## Lee County's 2009 Industry Leaders Honored at Horizon Council Celebration

Awards presented at September 18 luncheon

FORT MYERS, Fla. (September 18, 2009)—Seven local companies and one individual were recognized during the 2009 Industry Appreciation Week Luncheon today at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Four companies were selected to receive this prestigious Industry Appreciation Award based on their exceptional level of leadership, innovation, investment and community involvement in southwest Florida. An award was also given for an outstanding expansion and two new business awards. In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award was given. Sponsored by the Horizon Council, Lee County's economic advisory board, the event recognized the following 2009 Business Leadership Awards, Business Expansion and Newcomer Awards and Lifetime achievement winners:

### Industry Appreciation Award Winners:

General Business  
HOME-TECH

Information Technology  
INTEROP TECHNOLOGIES, LLC

Manufacturing  
ECOLOGICAL LABORATORIES, INC.

Tourism  
CROWNE PLAZA FORT MYERS

New Business  
SHAW DEVELOPMENT

SOMERO ENTERPRISES, INC.

Business Expansion  
COMCAST OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Horizon Council LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT Award

BRUCE GORA

The Horizon Council is a public-private group that works toward improving the business environment in Lee County, retaining and encouraging the expansion of existing businesses, and attracting new and diversified employment to the area. Industry Appreciation Week is part of an annual

statewide celebration of industry designed to raise public awareness about the many positive contributions industry makes to the local community and to recognize many of the businesses that have benefited southwest Florida. Today's luncheon is one of the Horizon Council's major events each year.