



InGenesis founder honored as national Hispanic businesswoman of the year

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The U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has named Veronica Edwards, founder and CEO of InGenesis Inc., the 2011 Hispanic Businesswoman of the Year.

InGenesis specializes in health care staffing. The company employs more than 635 people and serves 80 client facilities in 34 states. Edwards is the sole proprietor of the business, and under her leadership, the company achieved growth during one of the worst economic downturns in U.S. history. InGenesis increased revenues from \$5 million in 2008 to more than \$51 million in 2010.

The Hispanic Chamber also named Marcelo Claire, founder, chairman and CEO of Brightstar Corp., the 2011 Hispanic Businessman of the Year. Claire transformed Miami-based Brightstar from a small startup to one of the world's largest wireless distribution companies. Today, the company has operations in 50 countries and serves more than 43,000 customers.

“These entrepreneurs have acted as pioneers in their industries, stimulating local economies and spearheading community development initiatives,” says USHCC President and CEO Javier Palomarez. “Their business achievements exemplify how Hispanic business owners drive economic growth by creating employment opportunities nationwide.”

The Hispanic Chamber recognized Edwards and Claire during the chamber's 32nd Annual National Convention & Business Expo in Miami Beach this week. The chamber also honored the Top 20 Largest Latino & Latina owned businesses at the event, including International Bancshares Corp. (NASDAQ: IBOC), the parent company of IBC Bank San Antonio, and Alamo Travel Group. IBC Chairman Dennis Nixon and Alamo Travel Group owner Patricia Pliego Stout accepted the awards on their companies' behalf.

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