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## Greater Hollywood Chamber's Marie Suarez Graduates from Institute for Organization Management

### ***A Leadership Training Program Produced by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce***

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** – The Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce (GHCC) is pleased and excited to announce that Marie Suarez, Programs Director of the GHCC, has graduated from the Institute for Organization Management, the U.S. Chamber's premiere leadership management program.

Suarez has received the designation of IOM, a certification that signifies her completion of 96 hours of course instruction in non-profit management.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

"Graduating from this program requires commitment and dedication—traits that Marie Suarez has demonstrated at the Hollywood Chamber since beginning her employment in 2000," said Hollywood Chamber Executive Director Anne Hotte. "She has led and grown the Chamber's programs to the point where our Chamber has developed a reputation of excellence and unsurpassed dynamism for its programs. Marie's dedication to the Chamber, her understanding of the business community and her knowledge of Chamber programs are at the core of our Chamber's continued growth."

Since 1921, chambers of commerce and associations have used the U.S. Chamber's Institute program as a training platform for the professional development of their top talent.

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Institute's curriculum consists of four, weeklong sessions at five different university locations throughout the country. Each week, participants receive training in leadership, advocacy, finance, membership, emerging technologies, and many other organization management competencies.

In addition to the IOM Graduate Recognition, participants can earn credit hours toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) professional industry certifications.

Institute is a 501(c) (3) affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is the premier nonprofit professional development program for nonprofit professionals, fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

**Photo caption: 2011 US Chamber of Commerce's Institute For Organization Management (IOM) graduation ceremony held on June 29, 2011 at the University of Georgia with Board of Trustees, James Chavez, Chair (left) and Rex Hammond (right).**

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Since 1926, the Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has been an information hub for the City of Hollywood and business community. We are a member-driven organization, and our mission is to foster a business climate that generates success, integrity and excellence for our members and the Hollywood business community. With over 230 networking opportunities, professional development options, unique member benefits and new website, members are offered grassroots marketing choices to help them identify their ideal customer and business.

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