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Highlights

Monthly Report of the Northeast Florida Regional Council

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THE 2008 NORTHEAST FLORIDA ELECTED OFFICIALS RECEPTION & Regional Leadership Awards Ceremony

For the past eight years the Northeast Florida Regional Council has taken great pleasure in hosting a reception for elected officials and friends to enjoy an evening of good food, fellowship and conversation which fosters the growing sense of regionalism and regional cooperation that exists in Northeast Florida.

In 2003, in response to the high level of Regional Excellence in a variety of critical arenas, the Council launched the Regional Leadership Awards Program. This marks the sixth year the Awards Ceremony has been incorporated into the festivities. The outstanding nominations submitted again this year, reflect the diversity of programs and projects, the quality of these efforts, the leadership demonstrated by the nominees and the truly meaningful work that is being accomplished in the Region.

Regional Council President, Nassau County Commissioner Mike Boyle (pictured above right) served as the emcee for the Award Ceremony portion of the evening. University of North Florida President, John Delaney (pictured lower right), was honored as the 2008 recipient of the Harry Waldron Regional Leadership Award.

All other award winners are pictured on the reverse side.





1) Regional Award for Excellence in Economic Development/Tourism

Gil Langley

CEO, Amelia Island Tourist Development Council

2) Regional Award for Excellence in Education
Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton's Book Club

Linda Lanier, Executive Director, Jacksonville Children's Commission, accepting the award



3) Regional Award for Excellence in Transportation

The Sunshine Bus Company

Cathy Brown, Executive Director of the St. Johns County Council on Aging, accepting the award

4) Regional Award for Excellence in Planning and Growth Management

First Coast Chapter of the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA)

(l) Lara Dietrich, FPZA Conference Chair and
(r) Lindsay Haga, Chapter President, accepting the award



Regional Award for Excellence in Public Safety

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5) Chief Quin Romay

Putnam County Emergency Management and

6) The Clay County Sheriff's Office Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program

Bill Doolittle, Civilian Coordinator for the VIPS Program, accepting the award



7) Regional Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing

HabiJax

Mary Kay O'Rourke, President & CEO, accepting the award



8) Regional Quality of Life Award
City of Palm Coast / Management Plan for the Masonic Cemetery

City of Palm Coast Mayor Jon Netts accepting the award



9) Regional Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship

St. Johns County Utility Department

Bill Young, Director, accepting the award

