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Business Honors for June 27, 2010

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The National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana Inc. awarded Michael D. Williams Sr. the Julio Figueroa Founders Award. It is presented to an individual or organization who has helped the foundation affiliate meet its mission by providing long-standing participation, exemplary service and outstanding leadership. Williams is a retired vice president with Merrill Lynch and current National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana board member.

The Louisiana Economic Development department awarded Lantern Awards in the Baton Rouge area to Criterion Catalysts and Technologies LP in Port Allen for the Capital Region; Cameron International in Ville Platte for the Acadiana Region; and Game Equipment LLC in Napoleonville for the Bayou Region. The Louisiana Quality Foundation also recognized DynMcDermott Petroleum Operations Co. with the Louisiana Performance Excellence Award. Lantern winners are selected by Regional Planning and Development Districts based on their contributions to their local communities, including employment growth and facility expansion.

C. David Langlois, president of training consulting firm Langlois, Weigand & Associates Inc., has been named a Fellow of the American Society of Safety Engineers. The designation recognizes professional members who have displayed lifelong excellence in safety and service.

Three staff members of Louisiana's Disability Program Navigator Initiative were recently honored at the Seventh Annual National Disability Program Navigator Initiative Conference. Georgeette K. Wallace and Brian Kaufman were awarded the Randee Chafkin "Heart" Award for working to ensure others recognize the human value of the initiative. Kaufman also was awarded the Jim Downing "Go Where No Navigator Has Gone Before" Award, presented to a key individual who envisions the role of the navigator. Kisha C. Thomas, state lead/program coordinator, was awarded the Laura Gleneck "Glue" Award, presented to the state lead who holds everyone together and supports ongoing research and dissemination of information.

Plusone Design and Construction received an Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects of the Gulf States for its design of the "Kiwi House," a modern interpretation of the shotgun house built for \$98 a square foot.

Cindy LeBlanc, a sales associates in the Ascension office of ERA Stirling Properties, earned the Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource designation from the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors.