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## **Chamber Receives Award of Excellence for Diversity**

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**The Memphis Regional Chamber was recognized by Diversity Memphis with a 2008 Award of Excellence at a ceremony held on Thursday, August 28. Given annually, Diversity Memphis recognizes businesses that are utilizing and promoting diversity and in doing so, strives to make a better community.**

The Chamber was recognized as the leading economic development organization for the City, County and Mid-South Region that continues to cultivate a business culture of inclusiveness and **diversity**. "We are honored by this **award**," said John Moore, President & CEO for the Chamber. "It is important as an organization that represents the entire business community that we set the bar high to build a culture of inclusiveness into our city's DNA."

Other 2008 recipients for the **Award** of Excellence include First Tennessee; Baptist Memorial Women's Hospital; **Self Tucker Architects**, Inc. and Southaven Pontiac, Buick, GMC. This is the second year to present the **Award** of Excellence to recognize a company, business or institution for their work in promoting **Diversity** as an asset.

"It is important that we recognize businesses that promote **diversity** and embrace the entire community," said Mary McDonald, **Diversity Memphis** Board Chair. "By awarding these businesses we hope to encourage others to see the positive benefits of ensuring a diverse workplace."

*The **Memphis** Regional Chamber is the lead economic development agency for **Memphis**/Shelby County, and is a private, non-profit, membership-driven organization comprised of 2,300 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions and individuals.*

*In 2007, the **Memphis** Regional Chamber was named one of the Top 20 Economic Development Agencies in the Country by Site Selection Magazine.*