International award goes to company for first time

Le Centre International honors C&C Technologies.

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For its global achievements and efforts in promoting Acadia, C&C Technologies has become the first company honored with the International Achievement Award by the International Trade Development Group.

"It's a tremendous honor when you look at those who have come before us," said Thomas Chance, president of C&C Technologies.

The company was named as the 2006 recipient of the award given since 1998 by the advisory group of Le Centre International de Lafayette. Past winners include Louis J. Michot, Zachary Richard, J.S. "Pops" Brown III, Warren A. Perrin, Enrique Herve, Matthew G. Stiller and Daliley J. Berard.

This year, the group decided to honor an entire company to recognize the accomplishments of their employees. Said Lezlie Hesline, chair of the award committee: "This is the first year this award has been given to an outstanding company with many outstanding individuals." Hesline said, "There were just so many amazing individuals in the company that we felt needed to be recognized. It's for all the work they've done over the years."

Last year, about 40 percent of the surveying service company's revenues were generated overseas, and its employees number about 300 worldwide. Hesline said, "Our success overseas is because of the efforts of many people," Chance said. "For example, Capt. Nestor Grenelle, a truly distinguished geodesian and major asset to C&C Technologies, has been key to much of our overseas success. I am extremely proud of our employees for achieving this recognition. I am pleased that the award was given to the entire company and feel that without our 'team,' we would have never been accomplished."

C&C Technologies is headquartered in Lafayette with offices in Houston, Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Angola, the United Kingdom and Singapore.

Chance said his company's "car-do attitude" that was exemplified when the company entered the autonomous underwater vehicle business in 1999 along with two overseas competitors. Today C&C is the world's leader in AUV surveys services because our technical and operational people are unstoppable," Chance said.

The company's Mexico office also recently was awarded a contract with Pemex. "Winning this contract was a coordinated effort between our Lafayette, Houston and Mexican offices," Chance said.

The International Trade Development Group serves as the advisory board of Le Centre International de Lafayette, the international division of the Lafayette Consolidated Government. Le Centre promotes relations — commerce and tourism — between Lafayette and the international community.

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The International Trade Development Group will present the International Achievement Award to C&C Technologies during ceremonies at 11:45 a.m. April 28 at City Club at River Ranch as part of Festival International de Louisiane event. For more information, call 337-5674 or visit www.lecirm.org.