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U.S. Chamber Awards the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce with 5-Star Accreditation

HOUMA, LA – The United States Chamber of Commerce today awarded the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce with 5-Star Accreditation for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

“It was important to me, as the Board Chairwoman, and to the Chamber, that we maintain our Five Star Accreditation,” said Stephanie Hebert. “This was a huge undertaking and I would like to commend Earl Eues, Jr. and Kate Theriot who co-chaired the project, as well as the volunteers on the committees, and the Chamber staff for their tremendous effort in gaining this recognition for our Chamber.”

“Accreditation validates a chamber as having programs that benefit their local economy and for positively influencing action in their community,” said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, Vice President, Federation Relations and Institute for Organization Management. “We applaud these organizations for advancing the principles of free enterprise.”

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. In order to receive Accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs, and technology. This extensive self-review can take 6-9 months to complete.

“This 5 Star Accreditation status validates our established track record of operating a successful chamber,” stated Suzanne Nolfo Carlos, President/CEO. “We are proud of this achievement and will continue to work to improve our programs and services and achieve positive results for our members.”

Local chambers are rated Accredited, 3-Stars, 4-Stars, or 5-Stars. State chambers are recognized as either Accredited State Chamber or Accredited State Chamber with Distinction. The final determination is made by the Accrediting Board, a committee of U.S. Chamber board members.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

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