

# MINORITY EXECUTIVE REPORT

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## A COMPENDIUM OF HOUSTON'S BEST, BRIGHTEST & BOLDEST ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR

### entrepreneurs of the year



#### G&A Partners' Tony Grijalva Named the Triunfando Entrepreneur of the Year

**Antonio "Tony" Grijalva**, CEO and co-founder of G&A Partners, a Houston-based Human Resource (HR) and administrative services company, was recently named "Entrepreneur of the Year" at the annual Triunfando Awards, which recognizes the many contributions of Hispanics in Houston hosted annually by the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Together with John Allen, the firm's COO and co-founder, Tony has built G&A Partners to be the city's largest minority-owned business. At the Triunfando Award ceremony on Saturday, October 16, Tony received the honor for his strong leadership and continued commitment to the community.

G&A Partners provides growing companies fully-integrated turnkey HR solutions that can include payroll administration, employee benefits, workers compensation insurance, safety, HR support and co-employment of a company's workforce. In the course of helping other companies grow, G&A Partners has managed to grow as

well. With 5500 employees and revenues of \$170 million in 2005, G&A Partners tops Houston's list of minority-owned firms for the third consecutive year.

**Teresita Hernandez** won Hispanic female entrepreneur of the year. She is chief executive officer of Hernandez Engineering, which works with NASA, international space centers and government contractors.

Other winners included former astronaut **Franklin R. Chang Díaz**, president and chief executive officer of Ad Astra Rocket Co., won the emerging business of the year award. Ad Astra is a rocket propulsion company that develops advanced plasma rocket propulsion technology.

County Commissioner **Sylvia Garcia** was named the Hispanic female senior executive of the year.

**A.J. Rincon**, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Stanford Group Co., was named the Hispanic male senior executive of the year. **D.V. "Sonny" Flores**, president of PEC Corp., an engineering and construction firm, was given the chairman award.



Teresita Hernandez



Franklin R. Chang Díaz