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Brewer Selected for 2007 Lincoln J. Ragsdale Sr. Outstanding Director Award

(Phoenix) **Charles (Chuck) Brewer**, claim section manager, State Farm Insurance Company, has been selected to receive the **2007 Lincoln J. Ragsdale Sr. Outstanding Director Award** by the **Black Board of Directors Project**.

This award will be presented at the BBOD Project's 24th annual black tie dinner on **Friday, October 19, 2007** at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, located at 6902 E. Greenway Parkway in Scottsdale, Arizona. The event **starts at 6:30pm** with a reception and the dinner program begins at 7:30pm Attire is black tie preferred.

The award is named after the late Lincoln J. Ragsdale Sr., a prominent businessman who gave generously of his time, talent and resources for the betterment of humankind.

Each year, it is give to an individual who is eminently recognized as a leader in his field and has made significant contributions to society through service on major boards, commissions, task forces, etc. and is at the senior level of his career.

Previous recipients of this award includes Dr. Paul Underwood, Terri Jackson, Marshall Porter, Slivy Edmonds Cotton, Verne Smith, Dr. Mernoy Harrison, Rev. Cathy Clardy Patterson and Judge Maurice Portley.

Brewer has served on many boards, including the Greater Phoenix Urban League, City of Phoenix Workforce Connections, Maricopa County Workforce Connections, Desert Mashie Foundation and Prince Hall Masons.

He earned an AA from Phoenix College and a BS in business management and BS in insurance from Arizona State University.

Although a long time Phoenix resident, Brewer was born in Raleigh, Tennessee. He presently resides in North Phoenix.

The Black Board of Directors Project is a 24 year old advanced leadership organization that empowers its members as leaders in *Building a Great Tomorrow – Today*.

Additional information on the dinner can be obtained by calling 602-234-1255.