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Novato Business Leaders of 2011 Honored

NOVATO, CA – Novato’s community bank of national recognition; a leader in US equity asset management firms that gives right here at home; and a bi-coastal real estate corporation innovating green technology at Hamilton – these are the business leaders of 2011. Circle Bank, Large Business of 2011; Hennessy Funds, Small Business of 2011 and Barker Pacific Group (BPG) Green Business of 2011, respectively, were honored today at the Novato Chamber of Commerce Board Installation Luncheon.

“These nominated businesses exemplify and demonstrate strong qualities of community leadership, outstanding economic contributions and social consciousness,” said NCOC CEO Coy Smith. “The scope and influence of these leading businesses extend well beyond Novato boundaries to remind us all of the regional, national and even global potential to influence in positive ways. The Chamber is very pleased to recognize Circle Bank, Hennessy Funds and BPG as this year’s honorees.”

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