

ACCION SAN DIEGO WINS JOB GENERATOR AWARD

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ACCION San Diego received recognition earlier this month at the California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity's annual conference in Sacramento.

The CAMEO "Job Generator" award was presented to ACCION San Diego's Executive Director Elizabeth Makee for her assistance to the San Diego community. Makee and her staff have guided micro business entrepreneurs with the expansion of their businesses to create jobs in San Diego. In 2008, ACCION San Diego generated over 900 employment opportunities in the San Diego area. State Senator Christine Kehoe presented Makee with the CAMEO award.

"Micro enterprise is vibrant in San Diego thanks to the work of Elizabeth Makee," said State Senator Christine Kehoe. "Her work and that of her colleagues at ACCION San Diego is essential to this community, which depends on sole proprietors and very small businesses. In California, micro businesses are likely the one sector actually creating jobs right now. Ms. Makee demonstrates we must do more to support micro enterprise."

In addition to ACCION San Diego receiving the CAMEO award, Makee was elected a new member of the CAMEO Board of Directors for a term that will start in January.

The CAMEO award was preceded by recognition from the San Diego Small Business Administration. On May 27, ACCION San Diego received the 2009 SBA Community Service Award for exemplary service and extraordinary assistance as a microlender, instrumental in the growth and success of San Diego small business and economic development.

ACCION San Diego has been assisting the community since 1994 by providing men and women with the skills and financial wherewithal to build or grow a business. As a result, ACCION has helped establish assets for families and communities in San Diego while operating as a non-profit organization. ACCION's goal is to increase local resident income by providing tools and opportunities for low-to-moderate income individuals.

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