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**SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CHAMBER AWARDED WITH 3-STAR
ACCREDITATION BY U.S. CHAMBER**

SAN DIEGO (April 1, 2015) – The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that it has been awarded 3-Star Accreditation by the United States Chamber of Commerce for its sound policies, effective organizational procedures, and positive impact on the community.

“We work hard to be our region’s leading advocate on critical business issues that help make San Diego a place where businesses can succeed and grow,” said Jerry Sanders, President and CEO of the San Diego Regional Chamber. “This accreditation – which puts us among the top 3 percent of chambers nationwide – further supports the work we are doing and is truly an honor,” Sanders said.

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 six to nine months to complete.

“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, U.S. Chamber Executive Director of Political Affairs and Federation Relations. “We applaud these organizations for advancing the principles of free enterprise.”

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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About The San Diego Regional Chamber

The San Diego Regional Chamber is the hub for connections and collaboration among the regional business community, and uses that clout to advocate for public policies and candidates that support economic growth and the creation of jobs for all businesses. As the largest Chamber on the West Coast, representing more than 3,000 businesses and 400,000 employees, the San Diego Regional Chamber is fighting to make San Diego the most business-friendly region in California. For more information, please visit SDChamber.org or call 619-544-1300.

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