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Mayor Foxx to Celebrate Corporate Philanthropy; Honor Stephanie Ansaldo, Augusto Conte, and Dr. Nini Bautista

Charlotte – The Charlotte International Cabinet has announced the finalists for the 16th Annual Mayor’s International Community Awards (MICA). The awards luncheon will take place on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at The Westin Charlotte at noon, with a welcome reception beginning at 11:00 am. The annual MICA event recognizes the many contributions of the international community in the Charlotte region, including the corporate philanthropy of three foreign-owned firms and civic contributions of three individual awardees.

Corporate finalists include (one winner to be named in each category at the MICA event):

Small Category

BridgehouseLaw – Germany; **Sogeti** – France

Medium Category

SGL Carbon LLC – Germany; **Turner Construction** – Germany

Large Category

Blum, Inc. – Austria; **Ingersoll Rand** – Ireland

This year, **Ms. Stephanie Ansaldo**, President of The Echo Foundation, will be recognized with the Richard Vinroot International Achievement Award for her accomplishments in connecting Charlotte-area students and the community with global humanitarians. **Mr. Augusto Conte**, of the Conte Restaurant Group, will be presented with the Patrick McCrory International Entrepreneur Award. The second annual Global Leader Award will be presented to **Dr. Nini Bautista** in recognition of her dedication to strengthening the cultural diversity of the Charlotte region through her leadership and achievements with countless Charlotte organizations.

The Mayor’s International Community Awards were established 16 years ago as a way to encourage foreign-owned firms to adopt corporate philanthropy as a business practice and to engage locally by giving back to the Charlotte community. MICA is coordinated by the Charlotte International Cabinet in conjunction with the Office of the Mayor. Ticket and sponsorship information can be obtained by visiting the Charlotte International Cabinet’s website www.CharlotteInternational.org.

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