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## Lieutenant Governor Guadagno Addresses the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

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**Trenton, NJ** – Continuing her efforts to promote and celebrate economic development in New Jersey, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno today joined the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCC-NJ) for its 24th Annual Convention & Awards Luncheon in Paterson.

"We are always working to find new ways to develop a strong and diverse business community in New Jersey, and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber has been a dedicated partner in these efforts," said Lieutenant Governor Guadagno. "The Chamber's leadership in supporting entrepreneurship and small business in the Garden State is most impressive. I look forward to our continued work together on behalf of New Jersey's businesses."

The SHCC-NJ had its beginnings in 1989 when business leaders met with Governor Tom Kean and were encouraged to start a Chamber to foster, mentor and train Hispanic-owned business in New Jersey. Over the years, NJ BIZ has ranked the SHCC-NJ among the largest in the state. The SHCC-NJ has also seen growth of its non-Hispanic membership, reaching 45 percent.

"We are excited to celebrate our 24th annual convention and expo this year in Paterson," said Carlos Medina, Chairman of the SHCC-NJ. "As the voice of the 70,000 Hispanic-owned businesses in New Jersey that contribute more than \$10 billion annually to the State's economy, we feel it is important to nurture our small businesses and also recognize those role models that have paved the way. As an organization that values our State's rich diversity we are especially proud to have the Lieutenant Governor, who is a shining example of the value of diversity." According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

Businesses considering a move or in need of assistance are encouraged to call the BAC at (866) 534-7789 or visit the State's Business Portal at [www.newjerseybusiness.gov](http://www.newjerseybusiness.gov). Spanish-speaking staff is available.

For more information on the SHCC-NJ, please visit its website at <http://www.shccnj.com/>

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