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Four businesses and one nonprofit organization won 2009 Business of the Year honors from the **African American Chamber of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky**.

The winners were announced Oct. 22, at the chamber's annual Business to Business Exchange and Expo. They include:

- **Emerging Business of the Year: Richardson & Associates LLC.** Sherri Richardson founded the

Cincinnati-based accounting firm in 2007.

- **Small Business of the Year (less than 15 employees): World Pac Paper LLC.** Edgar Smith founded Cincinnati-based World Pac Paper, an independent paper distributor, in 2004.

- **Small Business of the Year (16 or more employees): Hooven-Dayton Corp.** The Dayton-based specialty printer is owned by **Che International Group LLC**, which is headed by Christopher Che.

- **Corporation of the Year: Bigg's.** The grocery chain, owned by Minnesota-based **Supervalu Inc.** (NYSE: SVU) has 11 stores in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

- **President's Regional Partner Award: Urban League of Greater Cincinnati.** Headed by Donna Jones Baker, the Urban League offers a range of youth programs and job training services.

The African American chamber, founded in 1996, offers programs and services focused on small, minority-owned businesses.

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