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### **Applied Research Associates Wins Community Impact Award**

PANAMA CITY, Fla. – The Bay County Economic Development Alliance (EDA) presented Applied Research Associates (ARA) with the 2007 Bay County Community Impact Award today at the Bay County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Celebration. The award was given in conjunction with the Chamber’s month-long Industry Appreciation Celebration that runs through September.

ARA “is a valuable asset to our economy as one of Bay County’s fastest growing major employers,” EDA Chairman Sharon Watley said. “Its employees also contribute a great deal of time to local charities and professional organizations. Their impact is truly felt throughout our community.”

This is the first year the EDA has presented the Community Impact Award. In the past, they have given awards in several different areas of business. This year, the awards were reevaluated and a new award was formed to encompass all the areas a business contributes to its community and economy.

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