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San José Mayor and City Council Commend Software and Environmental Business Clusters for Ten Years of Innovation

Event: Mayor Gonzales and the San José City Council will recognize Software and Environmental Business Clusters for their ten years of leadership and success promoting technological innovation and the growth of industry and job creation.

In the past ten years, the Clusters have enabled more than 220 young companies to raise over \$550 million in equity funding and create more than 4000 jobs. Cluster companies have also generated over \$9 million in sales tax revenues for San José.

When: 1:30 pm, Tuesday, August 23, 2005

Where: City Council Chambers at San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara St

Who: Mayor Ron Gonzales

Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez

San José City Councilmembers

Jim Robbins, Executive Director of the Software and Environmental Business Clusters

Chuck Erickson, Managing Director of the SBC/Assistant Director of the EBC.

Background: The Software Business Cluster and Environmental Business Cluster, two of San Jose's leading business incubators, are celebrating ten years of leadership in the promotion of technological innovation and industrial growth in San José.

The Software Business Cluster (SBC) and Environmental Business Cluster (EBC) have played key roles in growing the software and environmental industry sectors and turning innovation into industry since their founding in 1994.

Located in Downtown San José, the SBC and EBC attract early-stage companies to San José and provide entrepreneurs with access to resources that can help ensure their success, including affordable space and business start-up services.

For more information about the Software Business Cluster, see www.sjsbc.org. The Environmental Business Cluster website is www.environmentalcluster.org.