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URRUTIA NAMED 2008 CHAPTER PRESIDENT OF THE YEAR BY THE FLORIDA PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Nov10, 2008) – Barbara-Anne Urrutia, public relations manager for the Lee County Port Authority, was recently awarded *Chapter President of the Year* by the Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA). This award was given by the State Association President Suzanne Sparling, APR, at the FPRA Annual Conference in Orlando, Fla. Urrutia was selected out of a group of 15 presidents from throughout the state of Florida for her leadership, dedication to FPRA and the public relations profession and overall success of the Southwest Florida Chapter while in her hands.

Urrutia served as president of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association for 2007-2008 and was a member of the FPRA State Board of Directors from 2006-2008. She currently is serving as immediate past president of the chapter. Prior to this she served as president-elect/membership chair, secretary, house & attendance and has been involved on many committee projects and events for the Southwest Florida Chapter since 2000. She was a member of the student chapter in Tallahassee while attending college.

Urrutia joined the Lee County Port Authority as a public relations specialist in May 2000, was promoted to public relations coordinator in 2003 and then manager in 2007. She holds a bachelor's degree in Public Relations and a minor in Journalism from Florida State University. Urrutia currently resides in Punta Gorda, Fla. with her husband.

The Florida Public Relations Association (FPRA) is dedicated to developing public relations practitioners who, through ethical and standardized practices, enhance the public relations profession in Florida. Established in 1938, FPRA is the nation's oldest public relations organization. For more information, visit www.fpra.org.

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