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**ANNOUNCING LUBBOCK'S 3RD ANNUAL TWENTY UNDER FORTY AWARDS PROGRAM**

(LUBBOCK, Texas June 1, 2009) – Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock is pleased to announce the third year of Lubbock's 20 Under 40 Awards program. This exciting initiative aims to recognize outstanding individuals under the age of forty who exemplify leadership in their careers, while actively participating in the community.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.yplubbock.org](http://www.yplubbock.org), and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Monday, August 3, 2009. An independent panel of judges will then determine the top forty individuals from those nominated, and the top twenty will then be selected from that group. The 2009 honorees will be announced at a special reception on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Texas Tech University Stadium Club at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Gary Lawrence, CEO of Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, is very proud of this initiative: "The past two years of this outstanding program has helped to recognize those young individuals that exemplify leaders and are doing what they can to make Lubbock an even better community. My hat's off to them and I look forward to the next twenty that we recognize".

Lubbock's 20 Under 40 Awards program is presented by Lubbock Economic Development Alliance. Sponsorship opportunities are available; if interested, please contact the Twenty under Forty Planning Committee at [ypgl@lubbockeda.org](mailto:ypgl@lubbockeda.org) or 806.723.8246.

Young Professionals of Greater Lubbock is a group of active, civic-minded professionals, who see Lubbock as a great place to live, work and play. YPGL seeks to develop emerging leaders and attract and retain diverse young talent throughout the Lubbock region.