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Lisa Ponder, The Gallegos Corporation's Human Resources Director, won the Colorado Human Resource Association's 2008 Summit Award for her outstanding contributions to the company over the last several years. In May, a selection committee comprised of executive level HR professionals evaluated nominations and selected Lisa as the 2008 Summit Award winner.

Jake Jacobson, Vail Masonry Division President, can attest to Lisa's hard work firsthand—over the last year this division has seen a huge upswing in work as the market for finding employees has tightened. "Lisa has established recruiting practices that are helping us draw in more skilled employees," Jake said. "In addition, she has created training programs for employees whether new hires or tenured craftsmen, and retention rates are very strong."

Lisa has been the Human Resources Director for three years. Lisa's stewardship is simply to provide the most professional, skilled and reliable workforce in each of the company's locations. Lisa and her team capably took on the workforce shortage issue with a three-pronged approach including: recruiting and hiring employees from all over the nation in a six month period; introducing retention strategies and programs companywide; and training faster and better than the competition.

"I am not surprised the Colorado Human Resource Association honored Lisa with this award," said Gerald Gallegos, Founder and CEO of The Gallegos Corporation. "Lisa works tirelessly for our company, recruiting employees and maintaining strong working relationships. She has also been imperative in working with the H2B program, heading seminars and speaking with our Senators and Congresspeople. This is a time of change in our industry and Lisa does not back down from challenges."

Not one to take credit, Lisa credits the company as well as her staff for finding solutions. "It is really a total company effort. From our employees in the field referring their family and friends, to our division leaders maintaining strong relationships with their employees, to our HR team pulling out all the stops to hire, retain and train," explained Lisa when asked about the workforce issue.

For Lisa's outstanding achievements, Lisa receives a scholarship to attend a Society for Human Resource Management National Conference of her choice.

The Gallegos Corporation was founded in 1970 by Gerald G. Gallegos as a specialty stone masonry company. Since that time, TGC has expanded trades and now also specializes in distinctive residential and commercial projects including quality masonry, plaster/stucco, concrete, art rock, marble/granite work and stone sales.

The Gallegos Corporation is headquartered in Vail, Colorado and has offices in Denver, Telluride, Aspen; Sun Valley, Idaho, as well Lake Tahoe, California and Bozeman, Montana.