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SELRICO SERVICES, INC. PROVIDES TEXAS - GROWN QUALITY SERVICE IN 8 TIME ZONES

SAN ANTONIO, TX - Selrico Services, Inc. was founded in 1989 by San Antonio native, Mr. John R. Aleman. The company began as a small, minority-owned food service business. The company now specializes in a full range of services from food services, facility support management, building cleaning, waste management and recycling, and base housing management.

With the guidance and leadership of Mr. Aleman, Selrico has successfully grown while building an award winning reputation. The company has been successful in acquiring various diversified government and private entity contracts, in the United States and overseas - from the United States, Guam and to Hawaii, the company currently handles government contracts in 8 time zones.

For the past 10 months, Selrico has been providing building and food services for troops in Iraq. Selrico was responsible for building the newest and largest enclosed dining facility in the center of Bagdad's International Airport – Camp Bob Hope. The structure was officially opened on Sunday, August 24, 2003, and was completed in less than 45 days. The dining facility is 502 feet long, has the capacity to feed over 8,000 people per meal, and serves 32,000 meals per day. In 2002, the company prepared the

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meals for the 5,200 men and women who provided around-the-clock security at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Utah.

Mr. Aleman credits SBA's assistance for his staying power and growth. "Selrico has been able to transition into a global company through determination and visualization," said Mr. Aleman. "We would not be where we are today without the initial advice and guidance of the Small Business Administration..." Selrico received capital assistance with several SBA 7(a) loans, graduated from the SBA 8(a) program in 2003, and is currently a HUBZone company.

Selrico has built an award winning reputation for quality, service, and dedication. With these qualities, the company has also exhibited the ability to respond to adversity and continued innovativeness in products and services. These qualities were the basis for District Director Rodney Martin of the Small Business Administration, San Antonio District Office, for selecting Mr. Aleman as the recipient of the District Director's Choice Award. Mr. Aleman will be presented with his award at SBA's Region VI luncheon and forum scheduled for February 23, 2004 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Aleman will also be involved in voting on several small business issues that will be discussed at this year's event. In addition to this, the company has been a recipient of several government awards, including SBA's Minority Enterprise Development Minority Small Business Award in 1999 and 1998. In 2003 Inc. Magazine's 5th annual Inner City 100 List ranked Selrico as the 52nd fastest growing private company, with a growth of 307%.

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Food Management Magazine annually ranks the top 50 food service management companies and in 2003, Selrico was ranked 38th.

In addition to the various government and private contracts he services, including the contract work in Iraq, Mr. Aleman recently launched his newest venture with Lambert Street Packaging. Lambert Street packages food products using the latest techniques and materials. Lambert is working with other major companies to replace aluminum containers with retort pouches. Lambert is one of a very few companies that have the machinery for this type of food processing and is the only minority-owned business in the industry. Mr. Aleman takes pride in taking Selrico into this sector of food processing.

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