# Portland mayor highlights exporters

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Leatherman Tool Group, a company committed to staying in Portland, is the city's exporter of the year. Portland's global trader of the year is CH2M Hill, the multinational engineering and construction company.

LRS Architects Inc., a design firm based in Portland's north park blocks, is the city's service-based exporter of the year. LRS outshone design giant Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects, which received an honorable mention in the global-trade category during presentations Tuesday evening at the mayor's first annual international business awards ceremony.

Mayor Sam Adams inaugurated the awards at a City Hall dinner designed to highlight international business during a recession that has hurt Oregon exports. Foreign sales have dipped, Adams said, "but we're in this for the long haul."

Former Gov. Vic Atiyeh, a Republican who forged international ties and helped diversify the economy during the 1980s recession, received a standing ovation as the dinner's keynote speaker. "Oregon was very provincial," Atiyeh recalled. "We were not part of an international scene."

"We added international trade and high technology," Atiyeh said. "It worked out beautifully for our state."

At the event, Pneu-Logic Corp., a company that helps manufacturers cut air-compression power consumption, received an award for "best new to export." Two companies tied for an export-potential award: Beer Chips, which makes adult snack foods, and Fun in The Saddle Inc., which produces horseback riding apparel.

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