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**TACOMA, WA** — The World Trade Center Tacoma has announced 2011's Globe Award winners. The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Globe Awards Gala takes place Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Tacoma's Hotel Murano. It is the largest annual international trade event held in Washington and honors Washington businesses thriving through international trade.

The winners are:

**Exporter of the Year (large business) Globe Award:**  
*Brown & Haley*

**Exporter of the Year (small/medium business) Globe Award:**

*CID Bio-Science* CID Bio-Science designs, manufactures and markets scientific instruments for plant physiology research. This 22-year-old business expanded over 50 percent in the past three years and now exports to 41 countries.

**Importer of the Year (large business) Globe Award:**  
*Costco Wholesale Corporation*

**Importer of the Year (small/medium business) Globe Award:**  
*Smith-Western Co.*

**Emerging Business of the Year Globe Award:**  
*Sygnnet Rail Technologies LLC.*

**Service Provider of the Year Globe Award:**  
*Bryant Christie Inc. (BCI)*

Over 400 attendees are anticipated for the Globe Awards Gala dinner on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Murano. The evening will include a silent auction, dinner, and award presentation. As this year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York, award recipients will also be asked to reflect on how their own firms have achieved success despite tumultuous times. The World Trade Center Tacoma is the only full-service World Trade Center in the Pacific Northwest and works with companies throughout the region. Its membership has more than tripled in the past two years, making it one of the most dynamic of the 330 WTCs globally. WTC Tacoma helps companies expand their business internationally. Seats and display tables are still available for the Globe Awards. More information on Globe and WTC Tacoma: [www.wtcta.org](http://www.wtcta.org).