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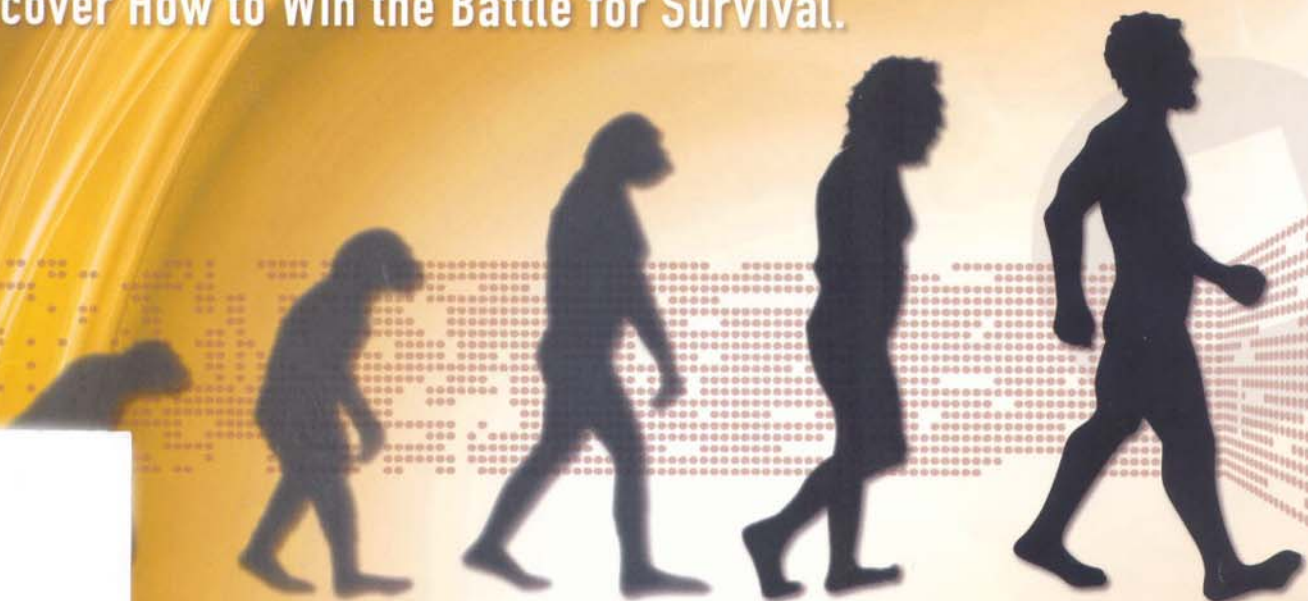
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2009 Team NEO Awards

More than 450 guests from 16 Northeast Ohio counties gathered at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence for the third annual Team NEO Economic Development Impact Awards on June 2.

Created to recognize outstanding development efforts, the awards included categories such as business attraction, foreign investment and minority business development. In addition, former U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula was honored with the H. Peter Burg Regional Vi-

sion Award for his work in advancing the region.

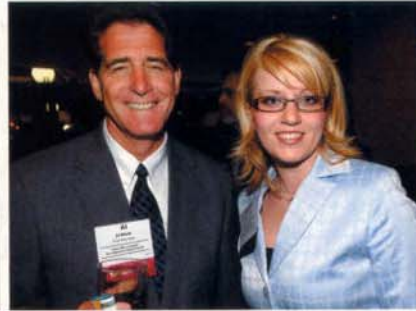
Nominees came from nearly 100 organizations, but only 10 development projects were chosen. Winners included Cohen & Co. for their efforts in promoting the regional brand and marketing campaign Cleveland Plus; the city of Lakewood and Lakewood Alive for successfully relocating Wholesome Development LLC from Pittsburgh to Lakewood; and the LCCC Foundation for their Innovation Fund investment in 24 startups.



Shawn Davis, Greater Cleveland Partnership; **Laura Hudak** and **Rick Seifritz**, both of Team NEO



George Newkome, University of Akron; **Dick Pogue**, Jones Day



Al Blank and **Tatyana Hower**, both of First Place Bank



Brian Bradley, PC Helps; **Gerald Meyer**, Greater Cleveland Partnership



Dave Karpinski, NorTech; **Jerry Gifford**, MAGNET



U.S. Rep. **Ralph Regula**, 2009 H. Peter Burg Regional Vision Award recipient; **John Debo**, Cuyahoga Valley National Park; **Mary Regula**



Chris Connor, chairman and CEO, Sherwin-Williams Co.; **Tom Sudow**, Team NEO



Tom Waltermire, CEO, Team NEO



Minority Business Development Award winners from the city of Lakewood and Lakewood Alive

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