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James C. Morgan, Lata Krishnan and Hermelinda Sapien to be honored by ALF
2010 Exemplary Leader & John W. Gardner Award Winners Announced

December 16, 2009 Santa Clara, Calif. – American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley (ALF) today announced **James C. (Jim) Morgan**, Chairman Emeritus, Applied Materials and Chairman, Morgan Family Foundation, as its 2010 Exemplary Leader. ALF Senior Fellows **Lata Krishnan**, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, American India Foundation and **Hermelinda Sapien**, President and CEO, Center for Employment Training, are the recipients of the organization's John W. Gardner Leadership Award.

The three awards will be presented at the Exemplary Leader Celebration dinner on March 31, 2010 at the Four Seasons Silicon Valley at East Palo Alto.

ALF Senior Fellows **Karen Rudolph**, Partner, Two Rivers Circle, and **Stephen S. Smith**, Senior Managing Director, Arma Partners, are co-chairing the Exemplary Leader Celebration. Senior Fellow **Joe Pon**, Vice President for Programs at the James Irvine Foundation, will lead an onstage conversation with Jim Morgan.

"Jim Morgan, Lata Krishnan and Hermelinda Sapien exemplify boundary-crossing relationships built on trust," said ALF Board Chair **Randy Pond**, Executive Vice President, Operations, Processes and Systems, Cisco Systems. "Their stories illustrate Silicon Valley initiative, innovation and philanthropy."

James C. (Jim) Morgan

James C. Morgan is Chairman Emeritus of Applied Materials. He previously served as Chairman of the Board and as Chief Executive Officer. Prior to joining Applied Materials as president in 1976, he was a senior partner with WestVen Management, a private venture capital partnership affiliated with the Bank of America Corporation. With one of the longest tenures of any FORTUNE 500 CEO, Morgan has an extensive history in business and philanthropy. He is a recipient of the 1996 National Medal of Technology, and in 2003, was sworn in by President George W. Bush as Vice Chairman of the President's Export Council, the premier national advisory body on international trade. He is Chairman of the Morgan Family Foundation and has been recognized around the world for his leadership in the community. Recently, as co-founders of the Northern Sierra Partnership, Morgan and his wife Becky have focused their efforts on conserving bio-diverse land in the California Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Lata Krishnan

Lata Krishnan the founding President and Vice Chair of the American India Foundation (AIF) (www.aif.org) since 2001. AIF is a premier foundation with a long-term commitment to

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accelerating social and economic development in India and strengthening the bonds between the US and India. AIF is chaired by President Clinton and has three offices - Silicon Valley, New York and India. Krishnan is also the Chief Financial Officer of Shah Capital Partners, a leading mid-market Technology Private Equity fund founded in 2003 that currently has over \$300 million of committed funds under management. Previously in 1989, Krishnan co-founded SMART Modular Technologies, Inc. and served as its Chief Financial Officer. In 1999, SMART merged with Solectron Corporation in a transaction valued at over US \$2 billion. Prior to SMART, she held corporate accounting and finance positions at Montgomery Securities, Arthur Andersen & Company LLP, and Hill Vellacott & Company in London, England.

Hermelinda Sapien

Hermelinda Sapien has been a member of the Executive Management Team for The Center for Employment Training (CET) since its inception in 1967. She has led successful campaigns for funding initiatives and opposed funding cuts on behalf of CET at the local, state and national levels. She has directed numerous CET community outreach programs, some of which have involved public events for over 10,000 people. Prior to CET, she worked in a demonstration program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor for the purpose of opening opportunities for Latinos in MDTA programs. During the 1970s, Sapien was a lecturer and Ambassador in the Cursillo Movement, a dynamic leadership-training program in the Catholic Church. In 1990, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Dr. Henry Cisneros, invited Sapien to become a member of the transition team of President Clinton's administration.

American Leadership Forum – Silicon Valley presents the Exemplary Leader Award to a regional or national figure who models the boundary-crossing, collaborative leadership style that ALF promotes, and the John W. Gardner Leadership Awards to ALF Senior Fellows who demonstrate ALF core values of diversity, inclusiveness, civility, engagement, and respect.

The late John W. Gardner, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Lyndon Johnson, founder of Common Cause and the White House Fellows Program, co-founder of Independent Sector, and founding member of the American Leadership Forum National Board of Trustees, was instrumental in the creation of the Silicon Valley chapter of American Leadership Forum.

For a more information about the Exemplary Leader Celebration, visit www.alfsv.org.

About American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley

American Leadership Forum-Silicon Valley (ALF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to building a better Silicon Valley community by joining and strengthening leaders to serve the common good. ALF was founded in 1988 to create a regional network of diverse senior-level leaders across private, public and nonprofit sectors. Graduates of the organization's one-year Fellows program, now numbering more than 400, have created a network that brings together a broad cross-section of leaders committed to building a stronger community, using collaborative leadership skills to identify and deal with complex regional issues, and creating opportunities to work together in ways that make a significant difference to Silicon Valley.

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