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CEC client, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce member and lifelong Chicago resident George Burciaga was recently showered with accolades as a national business leader, winning the State of Illinois Business Person of the Year award and finishing as the second runner-up in the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Person of the Year contest in Washington, D.C.

Burciaga is the founder and CEO of smarTECHS, a Chicago-based company that offers national IT consulting services. One of the fastest growing tech firms in the country, smarTECHS is quickly garnering recognition and establishing a viable business presence nationally.

"George is a great example of a thriving entrepreneur in our region because he has built such an impressive business," said Chamber President and CEO Jerry Roper. "It's exciting to see him continue taking his business to new heights, and we couldn't be more proud of the fact that he's also a member of the Chamber and a valued CEC client."

Born in Pilsen, Burciaga is a CPS and DePaul University graduate. He has also made an impact locally with community-oriented goals, such as establishing programs supporting local children and "greening" their business practices.

The National Small Business Person of the Year and its runners-up were chosen among the 53 individual state small business winners (including the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico). The small business celebration culminated with the individual small business winners having an opportunity to have a meeting with President George W. Bush at the White House.

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