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State chamber names HR Professional of the Year

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Staff Report

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Willis "Trip" Gregory III, senior vice president of [Palmetto Health \(http://www.palmettohealth.org/\)](http://www.palmettohealth.org/), has been named the 2011 Human Resources Professional of the Year by the [S.C. Chamber of Commerce \(http://www.scchamber.net/\)](http://www.scchamber.net/) and the [S.C. State Council \(http://sc.shrm.org/webmodules/webarticlesnet/templates/?a=1&z=1\)](http://sc.shrm.org/webmodules/webarticlesnet/templates/?a=1&z=1) of the [Society for Human Resource Management \(http://www.shrm.org/Pages/Default.aspx\)](http://www.shrm.org/Pages/Default.aspx).

Gregory led record-setting hospital employee participation and engagement scores. He also spearheaded Palmetto Health's transition from paper to electronic processes, including performance evaluations, employee satisfaction surveys and other

tracking tools; benefit enrollment; hiring; and data management.

Gregory led the facilitation and implementation of the nationally recognized human resources business partner model.

The S.C. Human Resources Management Award for Professional Excellence was established in 1989 to recognize an individual for outstanding service and dedication to the human resources field. This year, Gregory was joined by nominees from across South Carolina.

2011 HR Professional of the Year Award finalists:

- Allison Dennis, *Santee Cooper*
- Steve Nail, *Hubbell Lighting, Inc.*

2011 HR Professional of the Year Award nominees:

- Melissa H. Anderson, *Domtar*
- Deb Davidson, SPHR, *SCRA*
- George DeCroes, Jr., *Eastman Chemical Co.*
- Gina Guilliams, *Springs Creative Products Group LLC*
- Rachel Platt, SPHR, *Metglas Inc.*
- Susan Rector, PHR, CLT, *Fabri-Kal Corp.*
- Annette Rollins, SPHR, *First Citizens Bank and Trust Co., Inc.*
- Crystal Rookard, *Midlands Technical College*
- John Slavich, *Human Resources Dynamics*