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Long Beach, CA May 21, 2010 - State Farm adds Asian American Advertising Federation's (3AF) Marketer of the Year award to its long list of achievements after launching a first-rate campaign, 3AF announced Thursday.

State Farm and AOR interTrend Communications employed cultural insights to engage extant and prospective customers with a multifaceted campaign. By homing in on ethnic segments, opening a dialog with the Asian American community and constructing a culture of understanding within its own walls, State Farm sought to create a lifelong connection to this growing market.

Cultivating its identity as an integral part of community and family, State Farm combined culturally-significant motifs with poignant messages. Grass-roots campaigning at events, like local Lunar New Year celebrations, or culturally-focused contests, such as Asian Indian Bollystar, enabled State Farm to connect with members of the community. interTrend's market analysis revealed disparate insurance shopping patterns within the Asian American community, allowing State Farm to communicate uniquely to each segment while avoiding homogeneous messaging.

An unprecedented portion of State Farm's campaign was directed internally. Awareness programs implemented by the company encouraged cultural understanding. State Farm's multitiered campaign brilliantly achieved a genuine sense of interconnection, creating an environment where marketing efforts are more than lip service.

State Farm has taken the lead in the Asian American market. The company's win follows last year's honor as top corporate marketer in the US Asian market by Ad Age. The 2010 3AF award demonstrates a job well-done for both State Farm and interTrend Communications.

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