

Small Businesses, **Big Achievements**



2010 Small Business Awards

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"Being able to **draw the attention of the area business community** is an outstanding reason to apply for the 2010 Small Business Award. Finalists are given **great opportunities to share who they are and what they do.** We recommend taking on the new and challenging experience of working to become a finalist." -- Judy Eberly, Eberly Farm Inc.

"Being nominated for the Small Business award was probably one of the **greatest morale boosters for our employees** and they were so proud to be part of the process. I truly believe that if a company is nominated, they should not pass up the opportunity to be involved for their employees, themselves, and to showcase their company." -- Patricia A. Easter, NCRI - National Catastrophe Restoration, Inc.

"Participation in the Chamber's Small Business of the Year Program **provides small businesses with tremendous exposure within the community,** plus its events create the opportunity to **exchange information and ideas with other business owners.**" -- Karma Mason, iSi Environmental Services

Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce announces the 6th Annual Small Business Awards

- Offers recognition to smaller companies for their success and contributions to the community
- Provides opportunity to showcase individual companies and the story behind their success
- Promotes awareness and visibility of small businesses throughout the Metro area

Tier 1: 1-25 employees **Tier 2: 26-100 employees**

Nominations due by December 11, 2009

Complete nomination form on back by December 11th
and fax to the Chamber at (316) 265-7502
or mail to
Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce
350 W. Douglas
Wichita, KS 67202

Events and Timeline

Nominations due by December 11, 2009: Help ensure that successful small businesses in the Wichita metro area are recognized for their success by nominating them for the Small Business Awards program. Self-nominations are encouraged. Participation criteria are outlined below.

Applications due from nominated businesses by January 29, 2010: Applications and program information will be provided to all qualified nominees in December.

Small Business Awards Showcase on March 10, 2010: The late afternoon reception provides a unique venue for all applicants to showcase their business to Wichita Metro business community. The top applicants in each tier will be announced as finalists for the Small Business of the Year.

Sunrise Scrambler featuring the Small Business Awards finalists on April 22, 2010: Another great opportunity for exposure, the finalists will each share their business story with the 125+ attendees at the Sunrise Scrambler breakfast. This is complemented by outstanding coverage in the Business Today section of the Wichita Eagle.

Small Business Awards Luncheon on May 12, 2010: Each finalist will be featured, and the two Small Businesses of the Year will be announced.

Small Business Awards - Criteria for Participation

- Be headquartered in Wichita metro area
- Employ between 1–25 FTE for Tier 1 or 26-100 for Tier 2
- Have been in business for at least three years
- Demonstrate a commitment to good business practices
- Maintain good employee relations
- Contribute to the community
- Have primary source of revenues from business operations, rather than grants, donors, or governmental funding. Not-for-profits may be eligible to apply if they meet this criteria.
- Be a member of the Chamber at time of application
- Not be in an appointed leadership position on the Chamber's Board of Directors or other directly related position

The Small Business Awards Program is hosted by the Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce and judged by a panel of professionals selected from the metro area business community. Judging is based upon business operations, employee relations, contributions to the community, and entrepreneurial spirit.

Small Business Awards - Nomination Form

Company Nominated _____

Contact Name _____ **Email** _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

Submitted by _____

Company Name _____ **Email** _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____