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### **Chamber announces 2018 Small Business of the Year finalists** *(Photos attached)*

WICHITA, KS –The Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced the finalists for the 2018 Small Business of the Year award. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the Small Business Awards program, which is presented by the 2017 award recipients: [Mahaney Roofing Company](#) and [Monarch](#).

In addition to offering well-deserved recognition to small businesses for their achievements and contributions to our community, the program provides owners and their employees the opportunity to showcase their company, share their story, and be rewarded for their efforts.

“Small businesses are at the heart of our community, with more than 80% of our members falling into the small business category,” Chamber President Gary Plummer said. “This program is one of the ways we can recognize the outstanding companies that are creating jobs, giving back to Wichita and making this a stronger community. Congratulations to each of these finalists.”

The award program is split into two categories: Tier One, for companies with 25 employees or less; and Tier Two, for companies with between 26 and 100 employees.

#### **Tier One Finalists**

[McCurdy Auction, LLC](#)  
[Paint the Towne](#)  
[Reverie Coffee Roasters](#)  
[Shelden Architecture](#)  
[Watermark Books & Cafe](#)

#### **Tier Two Finalists**

[Allmetal Recycling, LLC](#)  
[Elite Staffing Solutions](#)  
[Stearman Field Bar & Grill](#)  
[The Anchor](#)

More than 100 small businesses were nominated for the award, and 18 completed the application process. The finalists will be featured at a Sunrise Scrambler event on April 11, and an Awards Luncheon will be held on May 23 to announce this year's winners.

To apply for the award, companies must be headquartered in Wichita, have been in business at least three years, and be Chamber members. Applicants are then evaluated on their business success, employee relations and community contributions.

More information about the Small Business Awards program and a complete list of past winners can be found at [wichitachamber.org/awards](http://wichitachamber.org/awards).

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