

2008 Metro South Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

We invite you to participate in the annual selection process to name Metro South's "Small Business of the Year" and "Entrepreneur of the Year".

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce and **Bank of America Small Business Services** have joined forces to recognize the achievements and contributions smaller businesses and entrepreneurs make to the creation of new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region.

Throughout the year, small business concerns and issues are essential components of Chamber initiatives and member programs. Each year we turn a special spotlight on small businesses and their valuable contributions to our community.

Please take a few moments to complete this nomination form to recognize a small business or entrepreneur in the Metro South region.

MINIMUM NOMINATION CRITERIA

Small Business of the Year



- Must have 50 or less full-time equivalent employees. (two part-time employees equal one full-time.)
- Company must have been in business more than three consecutive years under the current ownership.
- Must be a for-profit business.

Entrepreneur of the Year



- Individual must have been in business less than three years.
- Must have less than 10 full-time employees (two part-time employees equal one full-time.)
- Must be a for-profit business.

WEIGHTED NOMINATION CRITERIA

Each criteria in the selection process has been assigned a point value. The following criteria applies to *both* categories.

- **Demonstrates creativity and imagination in the development of its business or in its product or service. (Value=10 points)**
- **Demonstrates growth (Value=20 points)**
 - * employees (worth 5 points);
 - * client base (worth 5 points);
 - * revenues (worth 5 points); and
 - * profitability (worth 5 points)
- **Reflects internal and external social responsibility which includes one or more of the following: (Value=30 points)**
 - * Strong, comprehensive employee relations programs (6 points);
 - * Efforts by the company and staff to aid or benefit the community through personal involvement and/or donation of other company resources (6 points);
 - * Efforts to encourage diversity in its workforce and management (6 points);
 - * Activity in the business community through involvement in industry or professional organizations (6 points);
 - * Development of other programs relating to social and community betterment (6 points).

Companies should be located in one of the following Metro South Communities:

Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, Canton, Easton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Holbrook, Norwell, Randolph, Rockland, Sharon, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, or Whitman.

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Nomination Form

All information held in strict confidence
All nominations are due by April 18, 2008

- Maximum of one (1) nomination may be submitted in each category;
- You may nominate your own business;
- Nominees need not be Chamber members;
- There is no cost to apply or to nominate a company;
- **Please include a brief summary (on the back of this form) describing why you chose to nominate this company;** and
- Please note: incomplete nomination forms and previous recipients will not be considered.

My nomination is for: Small Business
 Entrepreneur

Chief Executive/
Entrepreneur's Name _____

Company Name _____

Type of Business _____

Address (Street, City, State & Zip) _____

Phone Number _____

Number of full-time equivalent employees (required)
____2005 ____2006 ____2007

Has the Business been under the same ownership for the past three years? (applies only to Small Business nominations.)
____Yes ____No

Sponsor's Name _____

Phone number _____

Mail or fax information on your nominee:

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