

2008 GP/JoCo BR&E Business Award Nominees

Small Business Growth award category:

(Businesses w/ approx. less than 25 employees who have made considerable positive impact on the local economy in recent years.) *Past winners: Marzi Sinks, Recognition Specialties, Energy Outfitters, Encore Ceramics, Visp.net.*

2008 Nominees:

1. Flora Research
2. ICx Technologies
3. Radio Design Group
4. **Logan Design**
5. **Mycorrhizal Applications -- WINNER**
6. Other/Write-In _____

Large Business Growth award category:

(Businesses w/ approx. more than 25 employees who have made considerable positive impact on the local economy in recent years.) *Past winners: Duro-Last Roofing, Rogue Valley Door, Fire Mountain Gems, MasterBrand Cabinets, Dutch Bros.*

2008 Nominees:

1. Mid Rogue IPA
2. Oregon Swiss Precision
3. OOGP
4. Fire Mtn. Gems
5. **DCS, Inc. -- WINNER**
6. MasterBrand Cabinets
7. Bridgeview Winery
8. Other/Write-In _____

Against All Odds award category: (Businesses that have overcome a major obstacle due to changing market forces, etc. to remain a critical part of our local economy.) *Past winners: Herb Pharm, Bentwood Furniture, Rough & Ready Lumber Co., Timber Products, Oregon Swiss Precision.*

2008 Nominees:

1. Gospel Rescue Mission Recycling Ctr.
2. Northwest Timberfallers
3. **Cartwright's Meat -- WINNER**
4. Caveman Travel
5. Rogue Truck Body
6. Other/Write-In _____

"Oregon Dreamer" award category: (Businesses whose owner/founder exemplifies the Brand Oregon slogan, "Oregon. We Love Dreamers." An entrepreneur who has followed their dream to create an economically important business in Oregon. Also recognizes businesses engaged in innovative "green" or "sustainable" business practices.) *Past winners: Taylor's Sausage, Dutch Bros., Cary's of Oregon, Si Casa Flores.*

2008 Nominees:

1. Roe Motors
2. Rough & Ready Lumber Co.
3. SPARC Enterprises
4. Herb Pharm
5. **Encore Ceramics -- WINNER**
6. Other/Write-In _____

Business Champion award category:

(Honors a business or individual whose efforts go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that local businesses in the traded sector are successful.) *Past winners: Roger Harding, Brady Adams, Charlie Mitchell.*

2008 Nominees:

1. **Lowell Gibson (Recognition Specialties) -- WINNER**
2. Jon Jordan (GP/JoCo Chamber)
3. John Lopez (RCC SBDC)
4. Susan Goracke (Daily Courier)
5. Jeff Hunter (USF Reddaway)
6. Cliff Bennett (Chet's Nursery)
7. Other/Write-In _____

Heritage award category: (Honors businesses that have been in Josephine County for many years, adding stability and strength to the local economy through steady growth, admirable practices and a commitment to excellence.) *Past winner: Gates Home Furnishings, Roe Motors.*

2008 Nominees:

1. The Brewery
2. Farmer's Building Supply
3. Daily Courier
4. KAJO/KLDR
5. **Hellgate Excursions -- WINNER**
6. Mini Pet Mart
7. Other/Write-In _____