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Ohio Chamber Announces Finalists for Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award

Winner to be announced at Ohio Chamber Annual Meeting

The presentation of the second Excellence in Entrepreneurship award sponsored by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce will take place on Tuesday, May 11 at the Capitol Theatre in the Riffe Center in downtown Columbus. The award will be presented during the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception, which begins at 3:30 p.m.

This award is designed to identify, honor and financially assist a company in Ohio that is demonstrating the historical innovative spirit of our state. The award recipient best demonstrates this entrepreneurial spirit through a recently introduced or pending introduction of a unique product or service that will have the ability to sustain long-term growth for the company, increase local employment and assist in the creation of economic prosperity within the state. The award comes with statewide recognition and a check for \$25,000.

“In honor of our state’s history of innovators and entrepreneurs, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce created this award to recognize those who continue to take considerable initiative and risk in creating new products and services,” explained President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Andrew E. Doehrel. “As the state’s oldest and most diverse business group, we continue to support the endeavors of Ohio business people through this award as well as our continued business advocacy.”

Local chambers of commerce submitted nominations early this spring. From those nominees, 17 were selected to compete for the award. An award committee, made up of members from the Ohio Chamber’s board of directors, will review the detailed applications and select the winner who will be announced on May 11. The chamber that nominated this year’s winner will receive \$1,000.

The finalists for this year’s Ohio Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award are:

Advanced Fiber Technology, Bucyrus, Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce
Caring Partners International, Inc., Franklin, Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce
Cool Containers, LLC, Marietta, Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce
Dynamic Management & Consulting, LLC, Perry, Madison Perry Area Chamber of Commerce
IMAX Industries, Inc., Painesville, Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce
Koford Engineering, Winchester, Adams County Chamber of Commerce
Lake Shore Cryotronics, Inc., Westerville, Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce
Nextronex Energy Systems, LLC, Millbury, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Old West Festival, LLC, Cincinnati, Brown County Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Energy & Advanced Manufacturing Center, Lima, Lima-Allen County Chamber of Commerce
One Call Now, Troy, Troy Area Chamber of Commerce
Shearer’s Foods, Inc., Brewster, Jackson-Belden Chamber of Commerce
Soaring Software Solutions, Swanton, Swanton Area Chamber of Commerce

Syncro Medical Innovations, Inc., Youngstown, Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber
The Allen Company, Blanchester, Blanchester Area Chamber of Commerce
The Wooden Horse Corporation, Norwalk, Norwalk-Huron County Chamber of Commerce
Travel Solutions, Inc., New Albany, New Albany Chamber of Commerce

For more information on the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception, visit the Ohio Chamber's Web site at www.ohiochamber.com. This year's keynote speaker and presenter of the Excellence in Entrepreneurship award is Tom Brokaw, Special Correspondent to NBC News.

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