



The Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce revealed the finalists for the Small Business of the Year, Wednesday at the Beech Activity Center. These businesses now compete for the Small Business of the Year to be awarded May 6th.

The Small Business Awards program is presented by Intake Studio, the 2008 Small Business of the Year.

The 2009 finalists demonstrate a tremendous commitment to the Wichita metro area. Combined, these companies represent 251 years in business, ranging from four years to 74 years, and employ 184 employees, with 77 employees representing the largest business and seven the smallest.

The 2009 Small Business Award Finalists:

**Cocoa Dolce Artisan Chocolates
Complete Landscaping Systems, Inc.
Depew Gillen Rathbun & McInteer, LC
Eberly Farm, Inc.
Hinman & Associates LLC
Scott Rice Office Interiors
The Print Source, Inc.**

Judges rated the companies based on growth, financial strength, employee relations, community service and company history. Eligible companies had to be for-profit, headquartered in the Wichita metro area, employ no more than 100 employees and be in business a minimum of three years. The panel will select the Small Business of the Year after a site visit to each company.

The Small Businesses of the Year finalists will be honored at two more Chamber events culminating with the naming of the Small Business of the Year in May. These events are the 2009 Small Business Awards Sunrise Scrambler from 7:30 -9 a.m., April 15, at the Petroleum Club of Wichita, 100 N. Broadway Street, Suite 900 and the 2009 Small Business Awards Luncheon, 11:30- 1 p.m., May 6 at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, 400 W. Waterman.

For more information or to register, call Angie Elliott at 316.268.1129 or Holly Thompson at 316.268.1127.

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