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Ohio Business Wins U.S. Chamber of Commerce Award Toledo Metal Spinning Company is a Blue Ribbon Small Business

WASHINGTON, DC—Toledo Metal Spinning Company in Toledo, Ohio, has been honored today with a U.S. Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Small Business Award. The award was given in recognition of the company's dedication to excellence in several categories.

“Winners of the Small Business Blue Ribbon Award have served their employees, customers, and communities with a consistent dedication that exemplifies America's spirit of enterprise,” said Giovanni Coratolo, executive director of the U.S. Chamber Small Business Council. “Small businesses are the backbone of America's economy, representing more than 99% of all employers, creating three-fourths of all new jobs, and accounting for more than one-half of the nation's gross domestic product.”

The Small Business Blue Ribbon Award, sponsored by AIG, was designed to honor businesses that showed excellence in a variety of selection criteria, including financial performance and business history, staff training and motivation, community involvement, customer service, and business planning.

Winners of the award from around the country will be honored at Access 2006, the Chamber's Small Business Summit. The award is part of the Chamber's Small Business of the Year selection process. One Blue Ribbon Small Business will be selected from each of seven regions as a finalist for the U.S. Chamber Small Business of the Year Award. The finalists will be announced on March 15.

“The initial goal was to recognize seven regional finalists and ultimately select one national winner,” said Coratolo. “However, we received so many outstanding applicants that we are able to honor a broader segment of the small business community. The small Business Blue Ribbon award enables us to recognize their hard work and tireless efforts.”

The U.S. Chamber is the world's largest business federation representing more than 3 million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region.



ABOUT THE BLUE RIBBON SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

The *Blue Ribbon Small Business Award* honors your outstanding business history and commitment to your employees, customers, and the community. It is based on the same selection criteria as our Small Business of the Year Award. While our initial goal was to recognize seven regional finalists and ultimately select one national winner, we received so many outstanding nominations that we are able to honor a broader segment of the small business community. The result is the Blue Ribbon Small Business Award.

There are 60 Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners across the country. A full list is enclosed. All Blue Ribbon Small Businesses move forward in the selection process for the Small Business of the Year. On March 15, seven finalists (one from each region, detailed below) will be selected. The national winner will be announced at the Summit. Additional information is also available at www.uschamber.com/blueribbon.

- *Eastern:* CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT, and WV
- *Great Lakes:* IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, and PA
- *Midwest:* IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, and WI
- *Northwest:* AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY
- *Southeastern:* AL, FL, GA, NC, SC, TN, VA, MS, and DC
- *Southwest & South Central:* AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX
- *Western:* AZ, CA, HI, NV, and UT

ABOUT THE SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

ACCESS2006 is America's premier small business event. It will be held in Washington, DC, May 10 – 12 at the Grand Hyatt. Summit attendees will get the inside scoop on the 2006 elections and help define the Chamber's small business agenda. There are a number of impressive speakers such as *NBC News'* David Gregory, FedEx CEO Fred Smith, and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. In fact, Newt Gingrich is hosting a special breakfast for Blue Ribbon Small Businesses during ACCESS2006.

Additional event details are enclosed, along with a registration form for Blue Ribbon winners. Blue Ribbon businesses receive a special discounted rate of \$275. To register, complete the enclosed form and fax it to 202-463-5707 or register online at uschamber.com/sb/summit/registration. Be sure to enter the promo code *blueribbon*. Contact Brent Inscoc at 202-463-3141 or binscoe@uschamber.com with any questions.



CALIFORNIA

County Commerce Bank (Ventura, CA)

- *Nominated by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce*

Lopez Tax Service, Inc. (Salinas, CA)

Orange County Speaker Inc. (Garden Grove, CA)

Tredway, Lumsdaine & Doyle, LLP (Downey, CA)

COLORADO

Echo Concepts Inc. (Denver, CO)

CONNECTICUT

Dynamic Metals International LLC (Bristol, CT)

DELAWARE

NoUVIR Research (Seaford, DE)

- *Nominated by The Seaford Historical Society*

FLORIDA

Albu & Associates, Inc. (Winter Park, FL)

Fintech (Tampa, FL)

- *Nominated by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce*

OAI, Inc. (Tampa, FL)

GEORGIA

The Bank of Perry (Perry, GA)

Village Deli Restaurant (Augusta, GA)

- *Nominated by Augusta Coca Cola and U.S. FoodService*

HAWAII

Smith's Motor Boat Service (Kapaa, HI)

IOWA

Varied Industries Corporation (Mason City, IA)

- *Nominated by the Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce*

ILLINOIS

Financial Plus Credit Union (Ottawa, IL)

- *Nominated by the Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce*

My Chef Catering (Naperville, IL)

- *Nominated by Buddingh & Associates*

INDIANA

AE Techron, Inc. (Elkhart, IN)

- *Nominated by the Elkhart Chamber of Commerce*

Great Lakes Heating, Air Conditioning & Electrical, Inc. (South Bend, IN)

KENTUCKY

Buggies Unlimited (Richmond, KY)

- *Nominated by Wisser, Hemlepp & Associates*

Capital Software, Inc. (Ft. Wright, KY)

- *Nominated by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce*

Town & Country Sports & Health Club (Wilder, KY)

- *Nominated by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce*

MARYLAND

Mind Over Machines, Inc (Baltimore, MD)

Slate LD, LLC d/b/a Let's Dish! (Baltimore, MD)

The Rosen Group (Baltimore, MD)

MICHIGAN

Air Advantage (Frankenmuth, MI)

- *Nominated by the Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce and CVB*

MINNESOTA

Glenn Metalcraft Inc. (Princeton, MN)

- *Nominated by Princeton High School, Oak Land Vocational Center, the Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce, and Initiative Foundation*

Permac Industries (Burnsville, MN)

- *Nominated by the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce*

VoyageurWeb (Mankato, MN)

NEBRASKA

Prairie Point Junction (Cozad, NE)

- *Nominated by the Cozad Chamber of Commerce*

NEVADA

WorldWide Vacations and Tours (Las Vegas, NV)

NEW JERSEY

SK Visions (Cream Ridge, NJ)

NEW MEXICO

Coronado Paint and Decorating Center, Inc. (Santa Fe, NM)

- *Nominated by the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce*

NEW YORK

Amy's Bread (New York, NY)

- *Nominated by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce*

Encompass Media/ Resident Publications (New York, NY)

- *Nominated by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce*

NORTH CAROLINA

FASTSIGNS (Asheville, NC)

- *Nominated by the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce*

Key Mortgage, LLC (Southern Pines, NC)

- *Nominated by the Moore Chamber of Commerce, Bea Fields Companies, and Five Star Leader Coaching and Training*

OHIO

K4 Architecture, LLC (Cincinnati, OH)

- *Nominated by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce*

North Coast Education Services (Chagrin Falls, OH)

Toledo Metal Spinning Company (Toledo, OH)

- *Nominated by Plante + Moran, PLLC*

OKLAHOMA

PRESCOR Inc. (Tulsa, OK)

OREGON

Cat Hospital of Portland (Portland, OR)

- *Nominated by West Coast Bank*

Hemcon, Inc. (Portland, OR)

- *Nominated by Advanced Medical Technology Association*

Miles Fiberglass & Composites, Inc. (Portland, OR)

- *Nominated by the North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce*

PENNSYLVANIA

Nolan Painting, Inc. (Havertown, PA)

- *Nominated by the Main Line Chamber of Commerce*

RHODE ISLAND

Evans Capacitor Company (E. Providence, RI)

SOUTH CAROLINA

FACES Day Spa (Hilton Head Island, SC)

- *Nominated by the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce*

TENNESSEE

Derthick, Henley & Wilkerson, Architects (Chattanooga, TN)

- *Nominated by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce*

Eagle's Landing Transcription Service Inc. (Johnson City, TN)

GenTech Construction, LLC (Chattanooga, TN)

- *Nominated by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce*

Jacobs Wholesale Paper Co. (Chattanooga, TN)

- *Nominated by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce*

Jane's Lunch Box (Johnson City, TN)

Logan-Moore, LLC (Chattanooga, TN)

- *Nominated by the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce*

TEXAS

FabEnCo, Inc. (Houston, TX)

Marc Bailey Photography (Longview, TX)

- *Nominated by the Longview Chamber of Commerce*

Streamline Technical Services (Round Rock, TX)

VIRGINIA

Educational Options, Inc. (Arlington, VA)

- *Nominated by T.R. Technology*

WASHINGTON

BizXchange, Inc. (Seattle, WA)

WASHINGTON, D.C.

America's Blood Centers (Washington, DC)

Hager Sharp Inc. (Washington, DC)

WISCONSIN

PAi (De Pere, WI)