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2008 Mayor's Small Business Awards Accepting Nominations

Tell us about your favorite small business

SEATTLE - Mayor Greg Nickels today announced that the city of Seattle is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Mayor's Small Business Awards. The 2008 Awards will honor the diversity and excellence of Seattle's small businesses, and their contribution to the city's economic vitality and quality of life. Ten winners will be selected on the basis of excellence in management, entrepreneurial spirit, customer service, and community involvement.

"Small businesses provide innovative products, services and jobs in our communities," Nickels said. "They're local gathering places that add character to our neighborhoods and make our city such a great place to live. I hope you'll nominate your favorite local business and tell us how it is making life better in Seattle."

2008 marks the 24th year of the Mayor's Small Business Awards program. Over the last two decades, the awards program has recognized more than 230 small businesses, many of which have gone on to experience significant growth. Past recipients include such companies as: Starbucks Coffee Company (1984), Uwajimaya (1984), Ezell's Fried Chicken (1989), the Dilettante (1990) and City People's Mercantile (1993). Last year's winners included Canlis Restaurant, Isotron Corporation, JTS Manage Services and VideoIsle.

Deadline for applications is Friday, July 18, 2008. Winners will be announced by the mayor at an awards ceremony at Town Hall on September 11, 2008.

Anyone can nominate a small business. To request a nomination form, please contact Tinná White at the Office of Economic Development at 206-684-4008 or tinna.white@seattle.gov or download the form at www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/

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