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2007 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 2007 Mayor's Small Business Awards. The 2007 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 – they're the local gathering places that add such character to our neighborhoods," said Mayor Nickels. "I hope you'll nominate your favorite local business, and help highlight the importance of all these small businesses to our community."

2007 marks the 23rd year of the Mayor's Small Business Awards program. Over the last two decades, the awards program has recognized more than 220 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 BizXchange, Great Dog, marjorie and Second Use Building Materials, Inc.

Deadline for applications is Wednesday, July 18, 2007. Winners will be announced by the Mayor at an awards ceremony at Town Hall on September 13, 2007.

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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