



PART I: NOMINATION FORM

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008 (5:00 P.M.)

Date/Time Received: _____

Nominees are individuals who...

- Are small business owners and/or partners or major stockholders of a small business.
- Are active in their business' day-to-day activity and involved in the major decision making process.
- Demonstrate that their businesses are financially stable.
- Reside within Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall or Wilson County.
- Are employed within Bexar County.
- Employ 99 or less full-time employees.
- Are not current members of the North Chamber Board of Directors.
- Submit completed forms to North Chamber by deadline date/time of **Friday, April 4, 2008, 5:00 p.m.**
- Agree to attend the Small Business Leaders Awards on Tuesday, July 1, 2008, at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel.
- Agree to provide the North Chamber photos and biographies for video production.

NOMINEE: FINALISTS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008 (5:00 p.m.)

Full Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Title/Position: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Business Phone: _____ **Business Fax:** _____

Business/Personal Cell Phone: _____

Business Description: _____

Month and Year Founded: _____ **Number of Full Time Employees:** _____

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Company/Organization Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Work Phone: _____ **Business Email:** _____

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PART II: NOMINEE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Instructions for completing this section:

- Please complete a response for each category for which you want consideration.
- Please respond with required criteria using 1,000 words (*approx. 10 lines, single space, 11 pt font*) or less per section.
- You may use (1) one additional page to list any awards and honors you have received.
- You may attach up to (3) three marketing pieces, publications, financial statements, or other supporting information

Additional information regarding your nomination:

- Information provided to the North Chamber is treated as confidential and is reviewed solely for award selection.
- Biographies, photos, articles, marketing/promotional materials, publications, financial statements and other supporting information you provide will not be returned.
- The 2008 Small Business Leader of the Year Award is presented to a leader who demonstrates excellence in all categories and whose business was established before December 31, 2004.
- The selection process *does not* include an interview.

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I. BUSINESS INNOVATION

Provide specific examples of outstanding creativity in your development of a new product or service, or in differentiating an existing product or service in a unique manner.

II. COMMUNITY SERVICE

List all levels of participation. Include length of service and offices held in civic and service organizations such as charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, industry/professional associations, etc. Involvement as a company effort may be included (walk-a-thon, food/blood drives, etc.)

III. EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Cite specific examples of how you enhanced employee relations within your small business through special programs, benefits, support, training or education.

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IV. BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

Cite specific examples of your company's business achievement through dramatic sales increases, profitability increases, and personnel increases. Include descriptions and dates of such milestones.

V. NEW BUSINESS

If your business has been in operation for less than (3) three years and more than (1) one year as of December 31, 2007, then describe your business and your vision, and detail your specific notable accomplishments since the inception of this business.

VI. CAREER ACHIEVEMENT

If you your small business has been in operation for several years, please describe/demonstrate how your role as a small business owner established you as a community leader and how your career provides an example and inspiration for others to follow.

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