Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce

2012 Ulster County Business Recognition Awards

Ulster County Development Corporation

Nominations must be submitted by August 8, 2012

Ulster County has a wealth of outstanding businesses and business people. The Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Ulster County Development Corporation are seeking to recognize these companies and business people at the 8th Annual Ulster County Business Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 1, 2012, 5:30 pm at Wiltwyck Golf Club.

The Awards recognize Ulster County entrepreneurs and businesses that are leaders in their sectors, have achieved outstanding results, or shown dedication and commitment to furthering business and the quality of life in Ulster County.

You have the opportunity to nominate a business or businessperson for this honor. To nominate, begin by reviewing the award categories listed on the next page. **For a nomination to be valid, the Nomination Form must be complete**, and we must receive the form in the Chamber office **no later than Wednesday, August 8, 2012.**

Winners will be honored at the dinner on November 1, 2012 which will be attended by approximately 300 leaders of both small and large businesses and the media. This event offers an excellent opportunity for honorees to be recognized for their accomplishments by their peers, industry leaders, the business community and members of the general public.

2012 Business Award Categories:

Entrepreneur or Businessperson of the Year
This award recognizes an entrepreneur or businessperson who has achieved extraordinary accomplishments in business or shown dedication and commitment to furthering business in Ulster County.

Business of the Year
Any Ulster County business that is recognized as a leader in its field and has demonstrated a commitment to its employees, customers, clients and to furthering business in Ulster County.

Small Business of the Year
Any small business in Ulster County (25 or less employees) that is recognized as a leader in its field and has demonstrated a commitment to its employees, customers, clients and to furthering business in Ulster County

Cultural Business of the Year
This category recognizes any cultural business that has improved the quality of life for Ulster County residents through culture and the arts and has furthered Ulster County's identity as a cultural destination.

Building Project of the Year
This Award is open for a new building or adaptive re-use project completed in Ulster County within the last year.

Tourism or Hospitality Business of the Year
Tourism and hospitality is one of the largest segments of business in the Ulster County economy. This award recognizes the excellence and dedication of a business in this industry.

Award Nomination Requirements:

- Open to any business located in Ulster County
- Nominations may be submitted by any business or person in the community
- Nominations must contain answers to the questions on the Nomination Form
- Self nomination is encouraged

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NOMINATION FORM

Award Category: _____

Nominee (If Company): _____

Contact: _____ Tel #: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Nominee (If Individual):

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Tel. #: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions about your nominee on a separate document. ***Incomplete nomination forms may not be considered***.

1. Give a brief history of the business. Include how long the nominee has been in business in Ulster County; description of the product line or scope of services offered; number of employees - initially and presently.
2. What makes the nominee different from or better than its competition?
3. Explain why this company deserves this particular award.
4. List nominee's involvement in industry, professional and civic organizations. Highlight awards won, offices held, and other special accomplishments.
5. The company may wish to include support letters or references indicating growth and impact upon the local community (no more than three letters, please).

Please answer all the nomination questions. Incomplete applications cannot be considered. (Please print clearly)

Deadline for Nominations:

5:00 pm Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Please submit the Nomination Form with additional information to the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, 214 Fair Street Kingston, NY 12401. Submissions can be done by fax (845) 338-0968, mail or by e-mail to bob@ulsterchamber.org.

A nomination form is available as a PDF file at www.UlsterChamber.org.
For information on this Nomination Form, the dinner or sponsorship opportunities call the Chamber office at 845-338-5100.

2011 Award Recipients:

Business Persons of the Year	Diane & Gary Kvistad Woodstock Chimes
Business of the Year	SELUX Corporation
Small Business of the Year	Boice Brothers Dairy
Cultural Business of the Year	Levon Helm Studios
Building Project of the Year	Milton Harvest, LLC
Adaptive Re-Use Building Project of the Year	Westwood Metes & Bounds Realty
Tourism Business of the Year	Pinegrove Ranch & Family Resort
Heart of Ulster County Award	Susan Buckler & Jamie Wolf Center for Spectrum Services

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