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Indiana Health Information Exchange Finalist for Indiana Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- Indiana University's Kelley School of Business Thursday (Oct. 18) will recognize more than 40 Indiana companies as finalists at its third annual Indiana Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction. The awards banquet spotlights these emerging companies for their growth, innovation, spirit and social enterprise.

The Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Kelley School will host the event at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 W. Washington St. in Indianapolis, and recognize the finalists before naming the winners in several categories. Bruce Kidd, director of small business and entrepreneurship for the Indiana Economic Development Corp., again will assist with the awards portion of the program.

"These companies are vital to the state's effort of developing an entrepreneurial culture," said Donald F. Kuratko, executive director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and the Jack M. Gill Chair of Entrepreneurship. "They work hard to make a success of their businesses and have a real impact on the state's economy. They certainly deserve the special recognition that this program gives them. They are the future for the state of Indiana.

"This year's Blue Ribbon Panel spent an entire day analyzing the over 100 applications that were submitted," Kuratko added. "Without question this was the most rigorous judging that we have seen and we are confident that the honorees represent the very best entrepreneurial companies in the state of Indiana."

To be eligible for the awards, companies had to be founded by the 2004 fiscal year, be a public or private corporation with a proprietorship or partnership located in Indiana and have revenues of more than \$1 million.

Eleven of the companies have been founded since 2001 and 17 of the companies are less than a decade old. The companies being honored employ nearly 6,000 people in Indiana and have a total revenue of \$600 million.

The Indiana Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction recognizes finalists and winners in four categories:

The Innovation Award goes to companies that pioneered new systems, products or best practices to adapt to the changing business climate.

The Growth Award recognizes companies with at least 35 percent growth over a two-year period.

The Spirit Award honors companies for their high standards in risk-taking and perseverance through various mistakes and obstacles.

The Social Enterprise Award recognizes non-profit companies with social missions that have adopted entrepreneurial attributes.

Here are this year's finalists, listed alphabetically within each award category, and their locations:

Innovator Award

AIT Laboratories, Indianapolis
ANGEL Learning Inc., Indianapolis
CareGuide, Indianapolis
Case Engineering Inc., Evansville
Cine-tal Systems Inc., Indianapolis
Harlan Bakeries, Avon Healthx Inc., Indianapolis
Imaginestics LLC, West Lafayette
Indiana Health Information Exchange, Indianapolis
Information In Place, Bloomington
Interactive Intelligence Inc., Indianapolis
Midwest Mole Inc., Indianapolis
NAI Harding Dahm, Fort Wayne
Oak Street Funding, Carmel
Perpetual Technologies Inc., Indianapolis
T2 Systems, Indianapolis
Vyante, Indianapolis Weaver Popcorn Co. Inc., Indianapolis

Growth Award

ANGEL Learning Inc., Indianapolis
Employment Plus, Bloomington
IT Solutions Inc., Indianapolis
Marketing Informatics, Indianapolis
MSP Aviation Inc., Bloomington
Noble Marketing Group, Cicero
Oak Street Funding, Carmel
TruPay Corp., Mishawaka
YourEncore Inc., Indianapolis

Spirit Award

AIT Laboratories, Indianapolis
ANGEL Learning Inc., Indianapolis
CareGuide, Indianapolis
Employment Plus, Bloomington
Harlan Bakeries, Avon
Healthx Inc., Indianapolis
Information In Place, Bloomington
Marketing Informatics, Indianapolis
Option Six, Bloomington
Pac-Van, Inc., Indianapolis
Perpetual Technologies Inc., Indianapolis
Pro Winds, Bloomington
Vyante, Indianapolis

Social Award

Cornea Research Foundation, Indianapolis
Desert Rose Foundation Inc., Martinsville
Indiana Fair Chance LLC, Indianapolis

People's Burn Foundation, Indianapolis
Second Helpings Inc., Indianapolis