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Business Journal to honor local companies at 2009 Best in Business event

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Fifteen businesses have been named finalists for the fourth annual Best in Business honors.

Best in Business recognizes privately held companies for revenue growth, community involvement and marketing and product innovation.

The 15 businesses will be honored at a June 25 luncheon at the **Hyatt Regency Wichita** and profiled in a special publication in the June 26 **Wichita Business Journal**.

Paul Allen, CEO of **Allen, Gibbs & Houlik LC**, a sponsor of the event, says the small- to mid-sized businesses in the Best in Business program are very important to the local economy.

“Being part of the Best in Business awards is a way for AGH to help recognize the accomplishments of the entrepreneurs and achievers in our community,” Allen says. “It’s businesses like these that drive our local economy and create more prosperity and jobs for everyone.”

Toasting Success

Five winners will be chosen at the luncheon, and the five CEOs of the winning companies and their spouses will go on an all-expense-paid trip with sponsors to Napa Valley, Calif.

The trip is underwritten and planned by **UMB Bank of Kansas**, a key sponsor of Best in Business.

“They are provided with a great networking opportunity to meet the other winners and also the sponsors,” says Craig Anderson, chairman and CEO of UMB Bank of Kansas. “There’s several nice dinners and visits to wineries as part of the trip.”

In previous years, winners toured attractions, such as the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**, Pebble Beach Golf Course and Napa Valley wineries, networked and participated in roundtable discussions.

Bill Greiner, chief investment officer for UMB, will also participate in an economic forum for the attendees. Anderson says the forum should be extra meaningful this year.

The finalists for the 2009 Best in Business honors, listed in alphabetical order:

Complete Landscaping Systems Inc.

DCI (Data Center Inc.).

Eric Fisher Salon.

Galichia Heart Hospital.

Hampel Oil Distributors Inc.

Harlow Aerostructures LLC.

iSi Environmental Services.

McCormick-Armstrong Co. Inc.

Midwest Single Source Inc.

Occidental Management Inc.

Parks Inc.

Rusty Eck Ford Inc.

Spangenberg Phillips Architecture.

Spangles Inc.

Voice Products Inc.

Last year's winners:

[Cox Machine Inc.](#)

[Hinkle Elkouri Law Firm LLC.](#)

[The Law Co. Inc.](#)

[Moridge Manufacturing Inc.](#)

[Wichita Surgical Specialists PA.](#)