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TechAmerica Southeast Announces 2009 Spirit of Endeavor Awards Nominees

Nearly 100 Nominations Received; Largest in Award's History

Alpharetta, GA – TechAmerica Southeast today announced it has received more than 90 nominations for its 2009 Spirit of Endeavor Awards – the most nominations in the seven-year history of the awards.

“We are very excited about the record number of award nominations we have received this year,” said Adam Beckerman, 2009 chairman of the Spirit of Endeavor Awards Committee and a partner at Habif, Arogeti & Wynne, Atlanta. “I don’t envy our judges who will have tough job choosing the finalists from such a stellar list of nominees in every category.”

The award categories are: Outstanding Leadership (individual); Technology Entrepreneur (individual); Emerging Business (organization); Technology Innovation (individual); Leadership in Technology Education (organization); and a new category, Cool Technology (organization) that will be decided by onsite text-voting during the awards event, Sept. 17, 2009, at the Fox Theatre in Atlanta. Up to five finalists will be chosen for each category by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the southeastern technology community.

Communications Infrastructure Group, LLC., Atlanta, is the Premiere Sponsor for the 2009 Spirit of Endeavor Awards. Other sponsors include:

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The 2009 Spirit of Endeavor Award Nominees are:

Emerging Business

04 Corporation
Acculynk
Buzzy4Shots (MMJLabs)
First Degree Solutions
FTRANS
iLumen
Intellione
IOU Central
IPG Surgical

Lenovo
Liaison Technologies
MinistryKiosks
Openspan, Inc.
ShopVisible
StarPound Technologies
Top Eye View
VoiceQuilt
VueLogic
Worthpoint

Outstanding Leadership

Mike Blake, Startup Lounge
Jennifer Bonnett, Startup Chicks
Scott Burkett, Startup Lounge
Hardin Byers, Intellinet
Lalit Dhingra, NIIT Technologies
Mitch Free, MFG.com
John Hayes, FTRANS
Michael Jones, IPG Surgical
Robert Kerris, Ebix
Lynne Laube, Cardlytics
Jeff Mango, Verizon Wireless
Bill McCargo, Cisco
John Orr, Dayforce
Jeff Pyden, OmniVue Business Systems
Robin Raina, Ebix
Tamir, Sagie, Top Eye View
Suresh Sharma, Innovolt

Technology Entrepreneur

Amy Baxter, Buzzy4Shots
Sanjay Bhatia, Izenda
Mitch Free, MFG.com
Ron Garmon, VueLogic
Scott Grimes, Cardlytics
Don Griffing, First Degree Solutions
John Hayes, FTRANS
Jeff Meyer, Infrascience
Mark Morel, Whoop
John Orr, Dayforce
Jeff Pyden, Omnivue Business Systems
Robin Raina, Ebix
Bob Renner, Liaison Technologies
Tamir Sagie, Top Eye View
Will Seippel, Worthpoint
Brett Teilhaber, MinistryKiosks
Dave Wright, Jungle Disk
Kari Van Fleet, AlarmPoint Systems

Technology Innovation

Amy Baxter, Buzzy4Shots
Bob Brooks, Dayforce
Scott Burkett, StarPound Technologies
Scott Grimes, Cardlytics
John FTRANS

Michael Jones, IPG Surgical
Josh Lloyd, ShopVisible
Jeff Meyer, Infrascience
Robin Raina, Ebix
Dan Rice / Dave Hood, The Quality Group
Tamir Sagie, Top Eye View
Brett Teilhaber, MinistryKiosks
Kari Van Fleet, AlarmPoint Systems
Bob Woosley / Loren Eckert, iLumen
Dave Wright, Jungle Disk

Leadership in Technology Education

AT&T Mobility
BridgeQuest
Georgia Tech Nanotechnology Research Center
Gwinnett County Public Schools
Institute for Enterprise and Innovation
Math Moose
NIIT Technologies
SoutheastGreen.com
Startup Lounge

Cool Technology of the Year

Buzzy4Shots
Cardlytics
Dayforce
Definition 6
EMS Defense & Space
Firethorn Mobile Wallet
FTRANS
Infrascience
Innovolt
Intellione
Izenda
Lenovo
Math Moose
MinistryKiosks
StarPound Technologies
Top Eye View
VoiceQuilt
Whoop

Gold sponsorships, tables and half-tables are still available for the awards event. For additional information on sponsorship opportunities and registration, please visit: www.aeanet.org/soe.

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