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Chamber announces finalists for 2013 Small Business of the Year Awards

Tampa, Fla. – Today, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce announced the finalists for the 2013 Small Business of the Year Awards. These awards recognize the impact and honor the accomplishments of the most outstanding small businesses and small business leaders in Tampa Bay.

Small business awards will be presented in three categories based on the number of employees and one new category recognizing a startup company. Companies are evaluated on financial success, community involvement and ethical business practices. An award will also be presented to the Outstanding Small Business Leader of the Year. The finalists for these five awards include:

5-20 Employees

Ali Specialties
GolfTEC-Tampa
Hyde Park Capital Partners, LLC
The EyeDoctors
WRA

21-50 Employees

B-AG Contract
Convergence Consulting Group
Crystal Clear Technologies
NorthStar Bank
Pilot Bank

51-250 Employees

Ameriscape Services
Cox Fire Protection, Inc.
Franklin Street
Hoye's Pharmacy
The Woman's Group

Startup

Advanced Healthcare Partners
HealthAxis Group
MB2x

Outstanding Leader

Joe Chiellini, *Ameriscape Services*
MaryAnn Ferenc, *Mise en Place, Inc.*
Bob Helms, *Pegasus TransTech*
Douglas McCree, *First Housing*
Lauren Weiner, *Wittenberg Weiner Consulting, LLC*

The winners will be announced during the 33rd annual Small Business of the Year Awards Banquet, presented by Sam's Club on Friday, September 20 at the Tampa Convention Center. For more details on the event, please visit www.tampachamber.com.

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