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Small Business of the Year Award finalists named for 2018

FORT WORTH –Twelve top Tarrant County businesses have been selected as finalists in competition for the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce’s 2018 Small Business of the Year Award, presented by Independent Bank.

Recipients will be announced at a reception prior to Mayor Betsy Price’s Annual State of the City address February 20, 2018, at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The prestigious annual Small Business of the Year Award salutes those that operate with exemplary Best Practices.

“Small businesses are the foundation of a thriving economy,” said Allisen Prigel, chairman of the Chamber’s Small Business Council committee and vice president of Broadie’s Aircraft, a previous award winner. “These passionate and determined entrepreneurs reflect the competitiveness, creativity and diversity of Fort Worth’s business base.”

From 142 nominees and 42 written applications, finalists were selected by 10 members of the Chamber’s Small Business Council committee, which includes past award recipients. Site visits by judges to the finalists’ business locations in January will determine four winners.

Finalists, by category, are:

EMERGING BUSINESSES (less than 3 years old)

- [Alchemy Pops](#) – handcrafted gourmet frozen pops from farm-fresh and local ingredients
- [CAET Project Management Consultants, LLC](#) -- construction management and owner’s representation in commercial aviation
- [Site Barricades](#) – a full-service traffic control company

1-10 EMPLOYEES

- [Affairs Afloat Balloons, LLC](#) – balloons ranging from small gifts to large-scale tradeshow displays
- [Healthy Lifestyle Secrets, LLC](#) – personal education-based wellness programs and classes
- **The Paisley Heart** –online shopping with personal service catering to women

11-50 EMPLOYEES

- [iKids Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics](#) – modern, kid-friendly dental services
- [Muckleroy & Falls](#) – a full-service commercial construction company

- [Pointwise, Inc.](#) – engineering software developer for computational fluid dynamics simulations

51-150 EMPLOYEES

- [BorrowWorks, LLC](#) - loan servicing and marketing for lenders and banks
- [Care Associates, P.A.](#) – nurse practitioner and physician assistant staffing
- [StraCon Services Group, LLC](#) –engineering, logistics, program management and technical services for military branches.

Additional sponsors for the 2018 Small Business of the Year Award program are CliftonLarsonAllen, TCU Neeley School of Business, Tarleton State University, Wells Fargo, Cendera Center and *Fort Worth Business Press*.

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The Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, with more than 2,000 member businesses, is one of the largest chambers in North Texas. Through business-to-business marketing, educational events, economic development, workforce development and government advocacy, the Fort Worth Chamber assumes a leadership role in making Fort Worth, the 16th largest city in the U.S., a premier location in which to live, work and do business.