

“Recognizing Excellence in Entrepreneurship”

Presented By: The Gas Company

Nomination Due by: January 28, 2010

1. Entrepreneur Being Nominated (you are encouraged to nominate yourself):
Business Name & Contact Name:
Address:
Phone Number: E-mail:
Website:

2. What Category would you feel this nomination best represents?
 - Innovation
 - Spirit
 - Creative

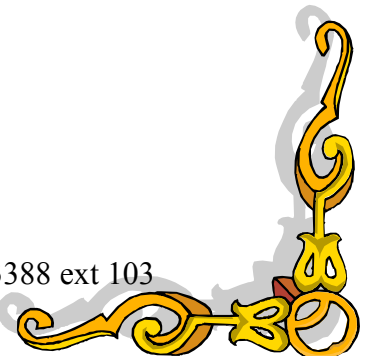
3. Tell the Story about what the nominee has achieved. (1 page max.) Be sure to mention the following:
 - Accomplishments or achievements of the nominee
 - What makes the nominee unique from their competitors? Do they “think outside of the Box”?
 - Have they created or invented any new products or services?
 - What is their level of commitment – how deep is their desire to achieve?
 - Is the nominee involved in the community?
 - Leadership and teambuilding skills of the nominee – are they an inspiration to others?
 - Does the nominee have any new ideas, concepts, or plans for the future?

4. List hyperlinks to any online news stories, press releases, or other documents that support the claims made in number 2 above. List each link on a separate line. (optional)

5. Provide a brief (up to 100 words) biography about the nominee. If possible provide a link to photo of the nominee for use in press releases. (optional)

6. Nominated By (if different from above):
Business Name & Contact Name:
Address:
Phone Number: Fax:
Website:

Return nomination forms to lori@edctulare.com or call 559-688-3388 ext 103





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The Recognizing Excellence in Entrepreneurship annual event is part of the Economic Development Corporation’s continued commitment in recognizing and encouraging the entrepreneurial spirit, innovation and creativity that has helped Tulare County grow for decades.

Reasons to Apply:

- Get recognized in front of your peers and community leaders at the annual event
- Have an opportunity to share your success with your community
- Have a reason to send out a press release about your success to local media
- Receive an award that can be proudly showcased in your office
- Receive certificates from local elected officials (possible)
- Receive free publicity – award winners will be part of press release sent out by TCEDC
- Receive free publicity – award winners will be announced in an EDC e-mail blast newsletter
- Receive free publicity – award winners will be showcased on www.sequoiavalley.com website
- Take part in annual awards event that celebrates entrepreneurship
- All nominees will receive mention at the awards event

Program Timeline

December 4, 2009 - Nomination period opens

January 28, 2010 - Deadline for application submittal

February 25, 2010 - Recognizing Excellence in Entrepreneurship awards luncheon

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***Economic Development Corporation and
The Gas Company***

“Recognizing Excellence in Entrepreneurship”

February 25, 2010

11:30 a.m.

Visalia Convention Center

While entrepreneurs go back a long way, their economic importance today is unparalleled. New and emerging entrepreneurial growth companies generate the vast majority of new jobs and innovations in our economy. According to one study, small entrepreneurial companies are responsible for more than half of all innovations, 67 percent of inventions, and 95 percent of all radical innovations created since World War II.

Entrepreneur: A successful small business that coordinated or discovered an innovative idea, product, technology, or service that required financial and/or personal risk.

Though there is a general sense that entrepreneurship involves the establishment of a new venture while adopting some of the risk, there is no common definition as the word can be defined many ways. Historically entrepreneurs have some of the following characteristics.

Innovation: An innovator utilizes inventions and discoveries to make new combinations, resulting in new products and services.

Spirit: An individual who uses their leadership, management ability, team building skills, special attitude and desire to achieve, conquer problems, and give birth to a successful venture, while demonstrating community involvement.

Creative: An entrepreneur who has created and not imitated a new idea or product and who's risk has resulted in market success.



Mission

The EDC is the regional leader of economic development by attracting, supporting and retaining business and industry for the communities of Tulare County.

***For more information, nomination form, or to purchase tickets please visit our website:
www.sequoiavalley.com or contact Lori Dunagan 559.688.3388 ext 103 or lori@edctulare.com***

