



Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation

**Do you know a business
with an earned reputation for its
excellence and contribution to
Dutchess County's economy?**

If you do, we are looking for your input.

Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation is actively seeking your nomination of cutting edge businesses and individuals to be honored at the 2010 Business Excellence Awards.

The awards celebration will take place on November 4, 2010 at the Grandview, on the expanding Poughkeepsie waterfront.

The program starts at 5:30 p.m. with networking over cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, carving and pasta stations. The celebration that follows will fete 400 leaders of business and industry.

Rub elbows with CEOs, state and local officials, banking executives, community leaders, the media, educators, environmentalists, technologists and others.

This elegant celebration of Dutchess County business excellence draws high praise from the regions premiere news organization, the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, which called it the "go-to event."

To nominate a business enterprise, select a category that you think best exemplifies your candidate in the Business Excellence Awards Categories list included in this package. PLEASE FILL IT OUT AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE. Self-nomination and self promotion is encouraged. Please return the completed form to Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation no later than July 9, 2010.

Selections will be made by a panel chosen from last year's winners and other business leaders drawn from the community.

Winning organizations will be asked to attend the event in person to accept their award and celebrate. The *Poughkeepsie Journal* will spotlight winners in the weeks leading up to the celebration. Articles and photos will appear in the *Journal* and on the newspaper's website prior to the event.

Be part of this *important go-to event for the business community* of Dutchess County.
Send in your nomination today.

Very truly yours,

Paul P. Calogerakis
Chair
Dutchess County Economic Development Corp.

2010 Business Excellence Awards Categories

These coveted awards recognize the achievement of excellence in business by companies located in Dutchess County. The purpose of the Business Excellence Awards is to recognize business entities that have made a significant impact on the economic vitality of our county.

Newcomer - For a business, company, or development project located in Dutchess County for fewer than three years.

Innovation - For a business, institution, or individual that has developed a cutting-edge technology or has brought an innovative strategy or product to market in an existing enterprise.

Small Business - For an enterprise located in Dutchess County for three or more years, with 50 or fewer employees.

Manufacturing - For a business that has made a significant impact on manufacturing in Dutchess County.

Agriculture - For an agricultural business, product, or service that has made a significant impact in Dutchess County.

Entrepreneur - For an individual expanding, or developing a business or real estate project that stimulates economic development or additional investment in Dutchess County.

Not-for-Profit - For a business having a significant economic impact on the community in the not-for-profit sector.

Tourism - For a business or activity that contributes significantly to the tourism industry in Dutchess County.

2010 DCEDC Business Excellence Awards Nomination Form

All nominations must be received by Friday, July 9, 2010.

About the Awards: The Dutchess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC) Business Excellence Awards program is a flagship Mid-Hudson regional business event, attracting widespread public and media attention year after year. Approximately 400 business leaders, CEOs, state and local elected officials, banking executives, the media, and others will attend.

Please take the time to complete this Nomination Form today, so that when you join us at the celebration on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Grandview, you will be part of recognizing this year's key players in our business community.

Awards will be given in eight categories as listed earlier.

To be eligible, nominees must be located in Dutchess County. Businesses may nominate themselves, or be nominated by a customer, employee, supplier, or business contact. Not-for-profit organizations are encouraged to apply in any relevant categories. A committee of past winners and other business leaders will select the award winners.

Please answer all of the questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline may not be considered (attach additional sheets of paper if necessary).

Award Category: _____

Individual or Company: _____

Individual's Title: _____

Address: _____ **City/Town/Zip :** _____

Contact Person: Phone: _____ **e-Mail:** _____

Fax: _____ **Website:** _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

Business Affiliation: _____ **Title:** _____

Address: _____ **City/Town, Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **e-Mail:** _____

Fax: _____

(Please see reverse)

Describe the business or individual you are nominating and explain why you believe the nominee merits the award:

Please supply answers to and/or comment on the following questions, as applicable:

1. How many employees does the business currently have? _____
2. When did the business begin operation in Dutchess County? _____
3. If the business is new, how many jobs were created? _____
4. How many square feet does the facility occupy? _____
5. Does the business intend to expand in the near future? _____ If so, describe:

6. Does the nominee (individual or business) engage in noteworthy innovation or do they demonstrate exceptional creativity? Please give examples:

7. Does the nominee participate in community affairs?

8. What impact has the nominee had on others in their profession or industry?

9. How has the nominee best achieved or demonstrated the criteria of their award category?

**Please mail, fax, or email this Nomination Form to be received by DCEDC
by Friday, July 9, 2010 to:**

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Business Excellence Awards
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