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Rewarding their success

Seven local businesses recognized at Academy Awards-style ceremony

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During an Academy Awards-style ceremony, seven Washington County businesses were recognized Wednesday for their enterprise and success.

The Hagerstown-Washington County Chamber of Commerce and the Hagerstown-Washington County Economic Development Commission handed out awards at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center at Antietam Creek on Dual Highway.

Master of ceremonies Tom Riford, chairman of the Chamber's Business and Community Development Committee, warmed up the dinner crowd with a string of one-liners. He joked that United Nations Chief Weapons Inspector Hans Blix examined the stage before the ceremony "and found no trace of comedy."

Recorded music played as each winner stepped on stage to pick up a trophy.

The Washington County Business Awards went to:

At Your Service Award, for customer loyalty and satisfaction: Holiday Inn Express Hagerstown,



winner. General Manager Doug Anstine accepted. The runners-up were Sam's Club and Washington County Arts Council.

Entrepreneurial Award, for a company with fewer than 50 employees that increases employment or production or creates an innovative service: Aviation Resources, winner. Vice President Dennis McCabe accepted. The runners-up were Beaver Creek Country Club and Verestar Government Services.

Going Global Award, for increasing the percentage of revenue from foreign sales: P&D Creative Co. Inc., winner. Paresh Shah accepted. The runners-up were Garden State Tanning and Hub Labels Inc.

- Innovation Award, for technology that helps sales or production: WARX/WARK Radio (Manning Broadcasting). President and General Manager Gene Manning accepted. The runners-up were Crist Instrument Co. and Mack Trucks.
- Made in Washington County Award, for producing or assembling in the county: Hub Labels Inc., winner. Tom Dahbura accepted. The runners-up were CertainTeed and HBP Inc.
- Vision Award, for innovative design and use or re-use of property: Associated Engineering Sciences Inc., winner. President Wilford Sheng accepted. The runners-up were Callas Contractors Inc. and Hub Plaza/Dahbura Family Limited Partnerships.
- Work Force Development Award, for training or investment in the work force: Susquehanna BancShares, winner. Vice President Deborah Matula accepted. The runners-up were Ellsworth Electric Inc. and Hub Labels Inc.

Last year's winners judged more than 400 nominations to choose this year's winners, Riford said.

Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe, capped the evening by poking fun at the political world. Its song parodies included "401(k)," sung to the tune of the Village People's "YMCA," and "Pack a Knife," a send-up of airline security, sung to the tune of Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife."

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