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State Selects 20 Small Businesses for Economic Entrepreneurship Awards

INDIANAPOLIS (Jan. 6, 2010) - Lt. Governor Becky Skillman joined business leaders from across the state today to present 20 companies with the Indiana Small Business Development Center Network's Economic Development through Growth and Entrepreneurship (EDGE) Awards during a Statehouse ceremony.

Sponsored by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Development Centers, the awards recognize clients of the agency's 10 regional centers located throughout the state in two categories - emerging and established.

"We know the foundation of the Indiana economy is built on the ideas of entrepreneurs across the state," said Skillman. "These 20 small businesses have continued to grow and create jobs for Hoosiers despite a very challenging national economy."

Recipients of the award collectively employ more than 350 in Indiana and in total finished 2009 with more than \$10 million in sales.

"These awards showcase businesses from a wide range of industries representing all regions of Indiana, not just major metropolitan areas," said Jeff Heinzmann, IEDC's state director of the Indiana Small Business Development Centers. "From Lowell to Scottsburg, Indiana small businesses continue to create new jobs."

More than 115,000 small businesses operate in Indiana, employing nearly half of the state's private sector work force, according to an October 2009 report from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Complete List of Award Recipients

Axis Home Health Care (Plainfield) - *Emerging Category* - Provides health care services for home-bound seniors.

AeroCat LLC (Portland) - *Emerging Category* - Develops and builds high-performance bicycles.

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