

TechNovation Awards Nomination Application

About the TechNovation Awards:

In addition to exhibiting at Florida TechXpo, Florida's premier technology & innovation exposition, participating companies can apply for a Congressional Medal of Merit in various technology categories. Finalists will be selected by a distinguished panel of judges and honored in front of hundreds at an exciting kick-off banquet on Thursday, October 6th at the Hilton Melbourne Beach from 6-9PM. Awards will be presented by Congressman Bill Posey, representing Florida's 8th District, during the banquet event. Event sponsored by Florida Institute of Technology.

Eligibility:

- Company must be a producer of technology products and/or services(except for Technology Cultivation category).
- No more than one nomination per company may be submitted in each category (*if applying for multiple categories, a separate, completed application is required per category*).

Application Instructions:

- The application includes three parts which must be completed fully and returned by the application deadline to be considered.
- Additional attachments for consideration (in a PDF format) may be included with the application such as promotional materials, news articles, press releases, etc. Please limit the number of attachments to 5.
- Award applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges and **INFORMATION SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.**
- **Return completed application to:** All applications must be completed electronically and e-mailed to gary@melbourneregionalchamber.com by close of business Friday, September 22 (*Not responsible for transmission errors*). All applications will be acknowledged with a return email.

Questions:

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Part One: Nominee Information

Nominee (Company Name):

Primary Contact for Nominee:

Title:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Web Site:

What year was the company founded:

If Applicable: Provide a title and brief description of what the company will be showcasing at the Florida 2016 exposition (maximum of one page, 250 words):

Nominator (if different than primary contact for company):

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

Part Two: Award Categories

Please select or highlight all categories that apply. You may submit an application in more than one category; however, you must complete the appropriate essay questions for each category you are applying for.

- Rising Star in Technology:** Presented to a new company or one that has made the most significant progress in the past 18 months. This company's growth puts it on track to make a positive impact in their markets and on the region's technology community.
- Innovative Technology Product (or Service) – Large Company:** Presented to a company that has developed and/or introduced an innovative technology product in the past 18 months. The product can be hardware, software, service or a new innovation or invention that has created a significant opportunity for the company. It should also positively impact the industry for which it has been created.
(Large company = more than 500 employees, more than \$7 million annually)
- Innovative Technology Product (or Service) – Small Company:** Presented to a company that has developed and/or introduced an innovative technology product in the past 18 months. The product can be hardware, software, service or a new innovation or invention that has created a significant opportunity for the company. It should also positively impact the industry for which it has been created.
(Small company = less than 500 employees, less than \$7 million annually)
- Technology Cultivation:** *(Open to Technology Partners/Agencies ONLY)* Presented to a company or agency that is not directly involved in the invention, manufacture or distribution of technology. Open to non-profits, government agencies and private companies which support technology by offering advice and assistance to technology companies to aid in their growth and prosperity.
- Technology Executive of the Year:** Presented to the technology executive whose leadership has made a positive impact in their industry. This executive should have seen success in the most recent calendar year, and who represents the technology community in a positive light for the foreseeable future.
- Lifetime Achievement in Technology:** Presented to an individual whose impact, influence and work within the technology community has resulted in significant success of the organization(s) in which the individual has been associated, and who has also benefited the regional technology community as a whole.

Part Three: Essay Questions

In a separate attachment, please complete the essay questions for the category(s) you are applying for. Please limit each response to 250 words.

Rising Star in Technology

1. Provide a brief description of the company including the history, key milestones, mission and any early challenges that had to be overcome.
2. Describe the company's technology product or service, target market and how it has demonstrated innovation and market differentiation.
3. Describe the company's growth to date.
4. What are the organization's short-term and long-term growth goals?
5. Describe the company's potential for a significant impact on Florida's economy. (e.g. *East Central Florida, Florida's Space Coast, Etc.*)

Innovative Technology Product (or Service)

1. Provide a brief description of the company including the history, key milestones, mission and regional presence.
2. Describe the company's technology product or service, target market and how it has demonstrated market leadership.
3. What are the strategic objectives for the company?
4. Describe the company's growth to date.
5. Describe the company's potential for a significant impact on Florida's economy. (e.g. *East Central Florida, Florida's Space Coast, Etc.*)

Technology Cultivation

1. Provide a brief description of the company including the history, key milestones, mission and regional presence.
2. Describe the company's service offerings and client base.
3. Describe the company's potential for a significant impact on Florida's economy. (e.g. *East Central Florida, Florida's Space Coast, Etc.*)
4. Provide two client success stories and how your company positively impacted a client (bottom line, productivity, raising capital, etc).
5. How does the company foster the region's technology industry?

Technology Executive of the Year

1. Provide a bio on the nominee including major accomplishments.
2. What is the nominee's role and responsibilities in their current organization and how long have they been in this position?
3. How has the nominee contributed to the region's technology community and describe the impact they have made?
4. Describe how the nominee has given back to the local community.
5. What is the nominee's vision for the future growth of East Central Florida's region and the technology industry and how do they see this being achieved?
6. Provide two references demonstrating the nominee's contributions, leadership and the potential impact they will have on East Central Florida.

Lifetime Achievement in Technology

1. Provide a bio on the nominee including major accomplishments, awards and honors.
2. What is the nominee's role and responsibilities in their current organization, how long have they been in this position and how have they contributed to the organization's success?
3. How has the nominee contributed to the region's technology community and describe the impact they have made?
4. Describe how the nominee has given back to the local community.
5. What is the nominee's vision for the future growth of East Central Florida's region and the technology industry and how do they see this being achieved?
6. Provide two references demonstrating the nominee's contributions, leadership and the potential impact they will have on East Central Florida.