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The award is sponsored by Wayne Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO). The innovator, through enterprising spirit, determination and creativity, helps invigorate Wayne County's economy, promote job creation or retention, and enrich the County's character and uniqueness. This effort is harmonious with WEDCO's overall work towards improving the quality of place for Wayne County residents.

DESCRIPTION

To recognize, reward, and further encourage innovation in technology, product, or process for betterment of a business, and therefore its employees and community as a whole. The scope of the award includes, but is not limited to, application of new equipment or technology. Equal consideration will be given to creative approaches in customer service, human resource issues and personnel relations, management, marketing, or production processes.

WHY APPLY?

The Innovator of the Year will:

- be honored at WEDCO's Sustaining Member Luncheon in November, and receive an engraved plaque;
- receive recognition through the local media;
- be featured on WEDCO's website – www.wedcorp.org. Follow the Economic Data link to view previous winners;
- increase the stature and morale of Wayne County's business community, by sharing creative, productive actions and initiatives performed by one of its own.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection committee will consider the following:

- the unique or creative way the product or process is being used;
- the specific challenges that had to be overcome during the development of the product or process;
- the tangible benefits of the idea, product, process to Wayne County in terms of jobs, economic impact, quality of life and its ability to reflect positively on the County.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Nominees will be judged as indicated above and must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- WEDCO member AND / OR business located in Wayne County;
- for-profit business with minimum of three employees;
- has not won the award during the last three years.

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HOW ARE NOMINATIONS MADE?

Submit completed nomination form to WEDCO.

Mail: 32 Commercial Street, Suite 1, Honesdale, PA 18431

Fax: 570-253-0818

E-mail: info@wedcorp.org

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- Nominations may be made by anyone within an organization meeting the eligibility requirements, including self-nominations.
- Complete all the information on the nomination form.
- All entries should be typed and may not exceed the word limit.
- Nomination forms must be received by WEDCO no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, September 30, 2010**. Late applications will not be considered.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

- The committee consists of members of WEDCO's Board of Directors, plus the Executive Director.
- Because of potential conflict of interest, no member of the Selection Committee can be considered for the award during the time he or she serves on this committee.
- The decision of the Selection Committee will be final. The award recipient will be notified on October 14, 2010.