

# MOST PROMISING NEW BUSINESS AWARDS

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SUPPORT THE COMPANY OF YOUR CHOICE BY RECOMMENDING ITS  
SELECTION IN THIS PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION

**CRITERIA SELECTION INCLUDE:**

- INNOVATION
- GROWTH
- PROFITABILITY
- QUALITY MANAGEMENT
- ECONOMIC IMPACT
- INDUSTRY/COMMUNITY REPUTATION

# The Oklahoma Venture Forum

## Most Promising New Business Award

### SOLICITATION FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Oklahoma Venture Forum Venture of the Year Award and Most Promising New Business Award are two of the most prestigious recognitions a company can receive because they represent the triumph of the entrepreneurial dream and spirit. Nominations are now open for the 2018 awards.

The Oklahoma Venture Forum, as a means of publicly recognizing the achievements of successful Oklahoma businesses, has produced the awards biennially since 1989. The 2018 awards will be presented in ceremonies to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Oklahoma History Center.

There is no cost to enter, but the competition is keen. Each finalist will be invited to attend the awards presentation and will receive a plaque recognizing its growth and success.

#### **Evaluation criteria for the Most Promising New Business Award will be based on:**

- product or service innovation
- actual or potential revenue growth
- funding
- leadership/management quality
- market potential
- potential economic impact
- industry and community recognition

Nominees for the Most Promising New Business Award must have been formed after January 1, 2015. Financials should support a business growth trend as evidenced by revenue or capital formation. All nominated companies must be independently owned and operated (not a division, subsidiary or controlled affiliate of another company) and headquartered in Oklahoma.

Nomination forms for both awards are enclosed. Please consider nominating one or more successful or promising Oklahoma businesses. Companies are also encouraged to nominate themselves.

The award winners will be selected by judges from the OVF membership. The judges will review the information on the forms and may request additional company and financial information. All information will be kept confidential.

Nominations must be completed and returned by January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to the Oklahoma Venture Forum at the address on the form. If you have any questions concerning the awards, please contact OVF Executive Director, Che' Loessberg, [che@ovf.org](mailto:che@ovf.org).

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MOST PROMISING NEW BUSINESS AWARD**

*NOMINEE INFORMATION*

*All information will be held in strict confidence.  
Only members of the selection committee will have access.*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Headquarters Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Executive Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Officers: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (if different from CEO) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Formed: \_\_\_\_\_

- If company has been re-organized, re-incorporated, or operated under a different name, please provide all related information. Life science companies, please specify R&D phase consideration.

Description of Company, Products & Services, Market (Additional pertinent information may be attached.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Is the Company independently owned (not a division, subsidiary or controlled affiliate of another)? and headquartered in Oklahoma?    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Who are your top 3 competitors in the market? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the company have a corporate video or web site available?    \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Web Site address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give annual gross revenues for all years since 2011 or formation:

|      | Sales | Capital Raised | Grant Revenue | Seed/VC \$ Received | # of Employees |
|------|-------|----------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 2017 | _____ | _____          | _____         | _____               | _____          |
| 2016 | _____ | _____          | _____         | _____               | _____          |
| 2015 | _____ | _____          | _____         | _____               | _____          |

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Applications must be received by January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

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