

OKLAHOMA VENTURE FORUM

VENTURE OF THE YEAR

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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

Venture of the Year 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 9th, 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 Venture of the Year Award will be based on:

- product or service innovation
- revenues and capital raised
- profitability
- management quality
- market penetration and growth
- economic impact
- industry and community reputation

Nominees for the Oklahoma Venture Forum Venture of the Year Awards must have been formed after January 1, 2008 and have revenues of at least \$1 million dollars during the last fiscal year, or show evidence that the company will generate revenues of at least \$1 million dollars in the current fiscal year. Capital raised can be considered and should be noted on the application.

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, 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 at (405) 604-4775 or che@ovf.org.

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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 2008 or formation:

	Sales	Capital Raised	# of Employees		Sales	Capital Raised	# of Employees
2017	_____	_____	_____	2012	_____	_____	_____
2016	_____	_____	_____	2011	_____	_____	_____
2015	_____	_____	_____	2010	_____	_____	_____
2014	_____	_____	_____	2009	_____	_____	_____
2013	_____	_____	_____	2008	_____	_____	_____

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be received by January 26, 2018

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