

OVF AWARDS

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SOLICITATION FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS & APPLICATIONS

Venture of the Year Award
Most Promising New Venture Award
Economic Impact Award

CRITERIA SELECTION INCLUDE:

INNOVATION
GROWTH
PROFITABILITY
QUALITY MANAGEMENT
ECONOMIC IMPACT
INDUSTRY/COMMUNITY REPUTATION

The Oklahoma Venture Forum Venture of the Year, Most Promising New Venture and the Award for Economic Impact are three of the most prestigious recognitions a company can receive. The awards represent the triumph of the entrepreneurial dream and spirit. Nominations and applications are now available for the May 2021 OVF 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 2021 awards will be presented in ceremonies to be held in May 2021 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.

The Award for Economic Impact is bestowed by the OVF Award Selection Committee and recognizes an individual or an organization for exceptional contributions to the Oklahoma economy. This award honors those who do more than run a business. It celebrates the achievement of industrial progress balanced with compassionate leadership and it honors those who emphasize investments in the human spirit as well as the bottom line. The Oklahoma Venture Forum's Award for Economic Impact has been bestowed to many impactful organizations including The Oklahoma Thunder, Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, and The Chickasaw Nation.

Evaluation criteria for the Most Promising New Venture Award will be based on:

- product or service innovation
- minimum viable product
- actual or potential revenue growth
- sales backlog over next few quarters
- funding
- leadership/management quality
- market potential
- potential economic impact
- industry and community recognition

Nominees/applicants for the Most Promising New Venture Award (1) must have begun development of its primary product/service within the past three years; and (2) must demonstrate the viability of its primary product/service, which may be shown through capital raises/grants, sales revenues or potential economic impact or innovation. 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/Applications for the 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/applications must be completed and returned by January 20, 2021, 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.

MOST PROMISING NEW VENTURE 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) _____

Does your business currently exist?

____ a. Yes - please explain what type of entity you have (Corporation, LLC, Partnership) and explain what the business does. In 100 words tell us about your business and what it does below in section c.

____ b. No - what is your idea for your new business? In 100 words tell us about your idea below in section c.

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.

Date that Company began development of its primary product/service: _____

*This date can be an approximation.

c. 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 2018 or formation and projected 2021 sales plus any backlog going into 2021:

	Sales	Capital Raised	Grant Revenue	Seed/VC \$ Received	# of Employees
2020	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2019	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2018	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2021 Projections	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signed: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Applications must be received by January 20, 2021.
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