



Excellence in Entrepreneurship Eastern and Southern Kentucky

EKU College of Business & Technology
Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp.
The Center for Rural Development

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Request for Nominations 2009 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards

Dear Community Leader:

The ECU College of Business and Technology, Kentucky Highlands Investment Corp., and The Center for Rural Development are soliciting nominations for the **2009 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Awards of Eastern and Southern Kentucky**. These three sponsoring organizations have come together to recognize entrepreneurs who demonstrate exceptional entrepreneurial achievements within the Eastern and Southern Kentucky geographic region (see attached map).

This year, awards will be given in four categories; and the finalists will be honored at a luncheon in September. Mark your calendar for the awards ceremony on Monday, September 14, 2009, at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky.

Each year we solicit nominations of entrepreneurs who may be deserving recipients of these awards by writing to leaders in the region who are familiar with the business community. Since you are extremely familiar with your area, we need your help. You may nominate entrepreneurs for any or all of the following categories: Business Entrepreneur, Small Business Entrepreneur, Start-up Entrepreneur, and Non-profit Entrepreneur. The attached flyer describes each award category and its criteria.

Please consider making one or more nominations by completing the attached 2009 Nomination Form and returning it by **June 1, 2009**. Feel free to copy the Nomination Form or download it from the following web site: <http://www.eiea.eku.edu>. After receiving the nominations, we will contact the nominated entrepreneurs seeking additional information.

This is the ninth year the awards have been offered and each year we have received excellent nominations. A flyer of past Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award recipients is also attached. We are confident that entrepreneurs in your community are worthy of consideration for this honor and would appreciate your nomination. Feel free to share this information with others in a position to nominate deserving entrepreneurs.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Rogow, Chair
2009 Excellence in Entrepreneurship Committee