

Mayor announces 2007 Small Business Award Winners tonight

SEATTLE – September 11, 2007 Mayor Greg Nickels announced this year's 10 Mayor's Small Business Awards winners yesterday evening at a celebration at Town Hall. "Local businesses provide the unique character that makes Seattle such a great place to live," says Mayor Greg Nickels. "They're the economic engines that employ local people and provide services throughout our city - small business owners are my heros." Every year, ten [small businesses](#) in Seattle receive special recognition for their accomplishments through the Mayor's Small Business Awards presented by Wells Fargo. 2007 marks the 23rd year of the Mayor's Small Business Awards program.

Ten winners have been selected on the basis of excellence in management, entrepreneurial spirit, customer service, and community involvement. This year's winners represent a cross-section of Seattle's small businesses and illustrate the diverse nature of [small business](#) in the variety of services, locations and strategies for success. To qualify, the business must have no more than 100 employees and gross revenues of less than \$10 million.

Over the last two decades, the awards program has recognized more than 230 small businesses, many of which have gone on to experience significant growth. Past recipients include such companies as: Starbucks Coffee Company (1984), Uwajimaya (1984), Ezell's Fried Chicken (1989), the Dilettante (1990) and City People's Mercantile (1993). Last year's winners included BizXchange, majorie restaurant and Second Use Building Materials, Inc.

The seven judges involved in this year's awards included [small business owners](#), previous awards winners and representatives of community development organizations. After a confidential review of the nominations and rounds of deliberation, they selected this year's winners, who will be honored at a special reception at Town Hall this evening. This year's winners of the 2007 Small Business Awards, presented by the City of Seattle and Wells Fargo, include:

Isotron Corporation

Christina Lomasney, owner

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Isotron is an energy, environmental and defense services company co-founded in 2001 by the father and daughter team of Hank and Christina. This entrepreneurial enterprise has a large percentage of women scientists and engineers, and continues to innovate in the area of high-performance coatings and decontamination systems. Isotron's research and product portfolio ranges from electrokinetic technologies for removing heavy metal contaminants from water, to coatings technologies that are protecting soldiers from chemical and biological warfare agents. The company partners with the University of Washington and the Center for Nanotechnology's Nanoscience and Nanotechnology User Facility. Isotron recognizes that "our employees are the creative genius that overcome challenges and see no boundaries to their ability to solve problems."