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ROANOKE REGIONAL CHAMBER REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR 25TH ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

The Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the 25th Annual Small Business Awards. The nomination deadline is June 24, 2011. Businesses must be at least three years old to qualify for the awards. Chamber membership is not required.

To nominate an outstanding small businesses, small business veteran or small business advocate, call 540.983.0700 x228, e-mail dlindsay@roanokechamber.org or visit www.roanokechamber.org.

All nominated businesses that complete the application process will be recognized in Chamber publications and at the Small Business Awards Dinner and Program on Thursday, October 6, 2011, at The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center.

Awards will be presented in the following categories: Small Business Advocate (presented to an individual who supports small business); Construction/Real Estate; Manufacturing; Micro-Business (five or fewer employees); Technology; Business-to-Business Services; Business-to-Consumer Services; Wholesale/Retail; Legacy (continuously operating for 50+ years); Not-For-Profit Arts & Culture; and Not-For-Profit Health & Human Services. An overall winner will be named the 2011 Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce's Small Business of the Year. This business will move on to statewide competition sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, established in 1889, has more than 1,100 member firms. The Chamber serves its members with advocacy, networking, information and business assistance programs that maintain a strong business climate in the Greater Roanoke Region.

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