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## **Companies honored at Eastside Business Awards** *Winners announced in six categories at Bellevue Chamber event*

Outstanding businesses on the Eastside that uphold a strong commitment to quality, community and innovation were recognized before a crowd of over 400 people at the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Eastside Business Awards luncheon on May 15.

Businesses submitted applications based on category guidelines and were judged by an independent panel of regional business leaders. Any business located on the Eastside was eligible to compete for an award in six categories. Sixteen finalists were chosen and six winners were honored with awards as follows:

- ◆ **Celebrating Diversity – King County Library System**  
(Finalist: Bellevue Entrepreneur Center)  
Recognized for their significant strides to promote, honor and celebrate diversity in their organization and the Eastside Community.
- ◆ **Emerging Business - Talyst Inc.**  
(Finalists: Spectralux and Swerve Driver Training)  
Recognized for their presence in the business community and their demonstration of consistent and significant growth within the last five years.
- ◆ **Non-Profit/Impact – Washington Women in Need**  
(Finalists: Habitat for Humanity of East King County and KidsQuest Children's Museum)  
Recognized for their commitment to making the Eastside a better place to live through the development and operation of programs that benefit the community and individuals.
- ◆ **Corporate Citizenship Award – Symetra Financial**  
(Finalist: Allstate - Northwest Region)  
Recognized for their understanding of the strategic importance of corporate involvement in the community.

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◆ **Eastside Small Business – Guidant Financial Group**

(Finalists: Berntson Porter & Company, PLLC and ETI Travel)

Recognized for their superior performance, their history of revenue growth, a growing staffing plan, and their ability to seize new market opportunities, new approaches and new technologies.

◆ **Eastside Business of the Year – GEO Engineers**

(Finalists: DCI Engineers and Legacy Roofing, Inc.)

Recognized for their superior performance, history of revenue growth exceeding \$10 million, strength in leadership and leadership team, ability to seize new market opportunities, and their development of unique partnerships with the community.

Additional details about all the finalists can be found on the Bellevue Chamber website at [www.bellevuechamber.org](http://www.bellevuechamber.org).

The Eastside Business Awards Program was supported by presenting sponsor First Mutual Bank; corporate sponsors Kibble & Prentice, PACCAR Inc., and Perkins Coie; associate sponsors Abramson Pendergast & Company and MulvannyG2 Architecture; media sponsor Puget Sound Business Journal; and in-kind sponsor Inventive Productions.

With over 1,100 members, the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce serves as the Voice of Business. Its membership ranges from sole proprietors to large corporations. The Chamber's mission is to foster a healthy business environment by providing strategic leadership, advocacy, tools, and resources for business success.

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