



Nomination Form

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Join the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the greater business community by submitting nominations for the 2010 Excellence in Business Awards.

The annual celebration of Excellence in Business will be held in the fall of 2010 and now is the time to submit your nominations for companies in the following categories:

Excellence in Business Award

Innovation through Technology Award

Emerging Growth Award

Building San Francisco Award

Small Business Award

Economic Development Award

We need your help to recognize the companies most deserving of recognition.
Self-nominations are encouraged!

Nomination Form Deadline: June 25, 2010

For more information on the 2010 Excellence in Business Award nomination process, visit www.sfchamber.com/ebbies or contact Nicole Lange at 415-352-8858 or nlange@sfchamber.com.

All Ebbies award winners will be inducted into the Ebbies Hall of Fame. To view the Hall of Fame, visit sfchamber.com/ebbies

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awards criteria

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS AWARD

Awarded to a San Francisco-based company, or company with a major presence in the city, that has shown remarkable profitability and stability. The company must also exemplify excellent corporate citizenship by giving back to the community in which it operates and possess a corporate culture that enhances the lives of its employees.

INNOVATION THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Awarded to a business that is technology-led and/or that looks to IT to solve problems and increase efficiency. Criteria include the industry the business operates in, what new technology has been implemented and the issue or goal that it addressed, and the impact that the technology has had on all aspects of the business and the communities the business serves.

EMERGING GROWTH AWARD

Awarded to a San Francisco emerging growth company that has demonstrated a capacity for creativity and innovation, experienced growth and established itself as a leader in its industry.

SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Awarded to a small San Francisco business that exemplifies the diversity of products and services that give San Francisco's neighborhoods their special flair, and/or is an example of the entrepreneurial spirit, and that demonstrates an investment in the city's future.

BUILDING SAN FRANCISCO AWARD

Awarded to a bricks-and-mortar project developed in San Francisco that will enhance or is compatible with the Chamber's interest in economic development, job growth, housing, transportation, green initiative and quality of life.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Awarded to a company or organization that is substantially contributing, or will greatly contribute, to the economic vitality of San Francisco through creating new jobs and opportunities, advancing a new industry or revitalizing a sector or neighborhood of the city.

frequently asked questions

Anyone may nominate a candidate for one of the six awards. Employees, bankers, attorneys and public relations managers are excellent sources for nominations. **Self-nominations are encouraged!** After all, who knows your business better than you?

How are finalists selected?

Who chooses the award recipients?

The nomination and selection process takes place in three phases:

1. Nominations are reviewed by staff and sorted into appropriate award categories.
2. A Nominating Committee for each award, made up of Chamber directors and members, selects 3-4 finalists. Finalists are forwarded to an overall Ebbies Jury.
3. The Jury, made up of chairs of each of the Nominating Committees and key Chamber leadership, chooses the award recipient in each category.

Do nominees have to be Chamber members in order to win?

No, although the Nominating Committee and the Ebbies Jury will weigh Chamber membership when considering a nominee's qualifications.

Do nominees have to be headquartered in San Francisco in order to win?

No, although the Nominating Committee and the Ebbies Jury will weigh the company's total presence in the city when considering the nominee's qualifications.

Can I make more than one nomination?

Yes, you may submit multiple nominations but please use a separate form for each entry.

Important dates to remember:

April 15 - June 25
Nominations accepted

September
Winners selected

July 2
Supporting materials
from nominees due

Late Fall 2010
The Ebbies Gala
Celebration presents
the winners

July
Finalists selected
and announced

Who can submit a nomination?



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nomination form

Directions Please fill out the information completely. Additional information may be requested from the company before the committee considers nominees. If you wish to submit a nomination form for more than one category, please complete a second form.

Award Category (check one)

- Excellence in Business Award (250+ employees)
- Innovation through Technology Award
- Emerging Growth Award (up to 249 employees)
- Building San Francisco Award
- Small Business Award (50 or fewer employees)
- Economic Development Award

Nominee

Company Name _____

San Francisco Address _____

Chamber Member Yes No

Headquartered in San Francisco Yes No

Headquarters Address (If different) _____

Highest Ranking Officer (Name & Title) _____

Company Contact (Name & Title) _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Web Address (URL) _____

Type of Business _____

Is the company ... publicly held privately held?

Is the company ... minority-owned women-owned?

How long and in what capacity do you know the company? _____ years

- client friend spouse
- family former employer other: _____

Number of employees ... overall _____ and/or in San Francisco _____

Nominator

Name _____

Company _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____



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qualifications

Please attach a separate sheet with the answers to the questions below that correspond to the award category selected. If you cannot complete these questions, we will solicit answers from the company contact before qualifying them for consideration.

Excellence in Business

- How has the company built and maintained its leadership role in its industry?
- In what ways does the company give back to the communities, and specifically to the San Francisco community, in which it operates?
- What has the company done to create a corporate culture that is supportive of its employees and their quality of life?
- Please provide details that demonstrate the company's profitability, growth and stability over the past three years.

Innovation Through Technology

- What new technology has been employed to address what issue or goal?
- How has the use of the new technology optimized solutions to the business process – operations, planning, sales, customer relationships?
- Were there any unexpected, but welcome, outcomes as a result of the new technology employed?

Emerging Growth

- How has the company demonstrated creativity and innovation in its business practices?
- How has the company established itself as a leader in its industry?
- Please detail the sales, revenue, and/or employee growth the company has experienced in the last three years.

Building San Francisco

- Which Chamber initiative does the company's project enhance, improve or impact? (Check all that apply.)
 Job Growth/Development Housing Quality of Life Transportation Economic Development Green Initiative
- Completion date of project: _____
- How does this project improve the livability of San Francisco?

Small Business

- How does the company exemplify the diversity that gives San Francisco neighborhoods their special flair?
- How does the company capture the entrepreneurial spirit?
- How has the company demonstrated its commitment to San Francisco?

Economic Development

- How is the company or organization substantially contributing or how will it contribute to the economic vitality of San Francisco?
- How does the company or organization create new jobs or opportunities, advance a new industry or revitalize a sector or neighborhood of the city?
- If this is a project, date of completion: _____

Supporting Material: Please provide collateral materials such as photos, brochures, videos, newsletters and press releases along with your completed forms.

Return Completed Forms (Attn: Ebbies 2010) To:

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, 235 Montgomery St. 12th Flr., San Francisco, CA 94104 or fax to 415-392-0485 or by e-mail to nlange@sfchamber.com. For more information on the 2010 Excellence in Business Awards nomination process, contact Nicole Lange at 415-352-8858.



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