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U.S. Chamber of Commerce Announces Finalists for Small Business of the Year Award

Companies to Be Honored at Annual Small Business Summit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced the finalists for its annual [Dream Big Small Business of the Year Award](#), presented by MetLife, which celebrates the achievements of small businesses and honors their contributions to America’s economic growth.

“Small businesses are a critical and vibrant segment of the U.S. economy. Despite the challenges they face, small business owners never stop innovating, taking risks, working hard, and dreaming big,” said Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. “These finalists and their small businesses strengthen their communities and local economies. The Chamber is proud to honor these outstanding companies, which together represent what’s possible in our free enterprise system. They are a reminder that there is nothing small about small business.”

This year’s finalists, selected from a record number of applicants, for the [Dream Big Small Business of the Year Awards](#) program include:

- 3 Daughters Brewing – St. Petersburg, FL
- Beau and Belle Littles – Loveland, CO
- Brandhoot – Rochester, MN
- Charter School Business Management – New York, NY
- Cope Company Salt – Lancaster, PA
- DHD Films – Dallas, TX
- Ecolink, Inc. – Tucker, GA
- GCC Technologies – Oakland, MD
- Golden Openings, Inc. – Urbandale, IA
- Mid-Atlantic Maritime Academy – Norfolk, VA
- Nightlight Pediatric Urgent Care – Sugarland, TX
- ProjectXYZ, Inc. – Huntsville, AL
- Sage Restoration – Overland Park, KS
- Tar Heel Basement Systems – Winston-Salem, NC
- TerraCycle, Inc. – Trenton, NJ
- Valsatech Corporation – Ellicott, MD

- Xylo Technologies – Rochester, MN

Award winners will be announced at the Dream Big Awards Celebration on Tuesday, September 12 in Washington, D.C. as part of the [2017 Small Business Summit](#) taking place at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Finalists are entered in to an online ballot for our Community Excellence Award. The Community Excellence Award recognizes a small business that has demonstrated an exemplary level of leadership and community engagement to positively impact the quality of life in its community. [Online voting](#), running now through July 31, will allow the people who know a company best—its customers, employees, and neighbors—to cast a vote for their favorite business.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations.

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