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Macomb County to recognize outstanding businesses

Third annual Business Awards breakfast

County Executive Mark A. Hackel will join with an anticipated crowd of 400 company leaders to celebrate businesses that are thriving and growing in Macomb County.

The third annual Macomb County Business Awards will recognize businesses in six categories for their efforts to start a new business or build a strong workforce, diversify into new industries, create greater efficiency, celebrate diversity or give back to the communities where they do business.

“Strong businesses are essential to the quality of life we enjoy here in Macomb County,” said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. “Their efforts to gain a competitive advantage through the execution of strategic planning makes them good neighbors and job providers for us all.”

In addition to Executive Hackel, speakers will include:

- Maj. Gen. Gwen Bingham, commanding general for U.S. Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command, who will deliver a keynote address.
- Steve Arwood, new president and CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).
- Huel Perkins, anchor for WJBK-Fox 2 Detroit.

Nominations for awards were accepted through December and reviewed by a panel of judges including Cindy Goodaker, executive editor for *Crain's Detroit Business*; Julie Gustafson, executive director for the Macomb-OU INCubator; Dr. Jim Jacobs, president of Macomb Community College; and Gene Lovell, president of First State Bank.

“We received some incredible applications,” said Stephen N. Cassin, executive director of the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development. “It is inspiring to see how hard our companies are working to make their businesses successful.”

Event sponsors include the Detroit Regional Chamber, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, MEDC, AT&T, Automation Alley, First State Bank, Macomb Mall and the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center.

The awards breakfast will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Cherry Creek Golf Club in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$25 and available for sale at www.MacombBusiness.com.

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