



Small Business of the Month-2017

*Do you know of a small business that is deserving of recognition, or would you like your business to become one of the most talked about businesses around?
Become the Chamber's "Small Business of the Month"*

If selected, your company will be recognized in a full page article in the Chamber's magazine, *The Business View*, as well as awarded a plaque at the Chamber's Board of Directors meeting. Go to the Chamber's website www.mobilechamber.com and complete the application and submit to the Small Business Development department.

Small Business of the Month criteria:

- Current Mobile Area Chamber member for one year
- In business at least two years
- Have 100 or fewer employees
- Apparent solid financial base
- Sales growth, profit growth and/or new product line
- Considered successful by peers
- Public service contribution
- Must be a "for-profit" company
- Locally-owned franchises are eligible
- Headquartered in Mobile, Baldwin or Washington counties

The Small Business of the Month Award is selected by a volunteer Awards and Recognition Task Force.

Recent winners include Air Specialty of South Alabama, Greg's Professional Barber & Beauty Salon, Old Shell Road Small Animal Clinic, Professional Electrical Services and many more great companies.

Perhaps your company, or one you do business with could be a future Small Business of the Month.

Download the form at www.mobilechamber.com.small-business/small-business-awards.

The form and additional information can be emailed to dritchards@mobilechamber.com or mailed to the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Development Department, PO Box 2187, Mobile AL 36652-2187 or fax to 251-431-8646.

Small Business of the Month 2017 Application

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Chief Decision Maker: _____ Title: _____

Company Contact: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What is the major business of the company?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance/Real Estate/Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Related Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____ | | |

What year was the company founded? _____

Which of the following best describes the company?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Start-up company less than 3 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> Company 3-10 years old |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company over 10 years old | <input type="checkbox"/> Company formed by merger or acquisition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combination: (explain) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (explain) _____ |

How many employees did the company have at the end of 2015? _____ 2016? _____

How long has the company been a Mobile Area Chamber member? _____

Revenue range at the end of 2015? \$0-\$50,000 \$50,000-\$100,000 \$100,000-\$500,000 \$500,000-\$1M >\$1M

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Provide the name and phone number of a banker, accountant or attorney for a business reference.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Required: Answer the following questions and submit them along with this application:

- Give a brief description of the business.
- What is the company's involvement in community activities including committees or projects?
- Explain how the Chamber has helped or supported the business growth and success.
- Why does the company deserve the Small Business of the Month award?

Nominated by: _____ **Date:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____