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Calagaz Printing Named Mobile Area Chamber's Small Business of the Year



[Mobile, Ala. 08.21.2020] The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce named **Calagaz Printing** as its 2020 Small Business of the Year. The award ceremony was held during the Chamber's joint meeting between its governing board of directors and the board of advisors, who represent the organization's largest dues paying members.

“Congratulations to the entire team of Calagaz Printing for the work they are doing. Each year we are amazed at how close the judges tell us this decision is, and this year was no different. Certainly, all three of our finalists are extremely deserving

of this award,” said **Bill Sisson**, president and CEO of Mobile Area Chamber.

Calagaz Printing, along with **JJPR** and **WaveFly Powered by JMF Solutions** were chosen as finalists by a volunteer judges panel experienced in management, finance and business development, based on business operations and impact; financial position; innovation and entrepreneurship; customer service; market strategy and community involvement. The Chamber defines a small business as one with 100 or less employees, but this year's finalists have 18, 10 and 42 respectively.

“It’s a great recognition of what our team has put together and it’s amazing to us see them recognized in the community for all their great work,” said **Joe Calagaz**, president of Calagaz Printing.

About the winner:

Calagaz Printing

Head of Firm: Joe Calagaz, president

Founded: 1991

Number of Employees: 18

Address: 3001 Mill St., Mobile

Website: calagazprinting.com

About: Calagaz Printing is a full-service commercial print shop providing materials, signage, apparel and more to local businesses and the national restaurant market.

Earlier this year, the company’s print production dropped to zero and Calagaz

Printing pivoted to produce more than 180,000 face shields as a way to keep the current staff, maintain some revenue and serve the community.

The Chamber nominated all three finalists for the U.S. Chamber’s Dream Big Small Business of the Year award given in the fall. The annual award celebrates the achievements of small businesses and honors their contributions to America’s economic growth.

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About the Mobile Area Chamber

The Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce is a private business organization with more than 1,800 members that employ 98,255 people, and the economic developer for the City of Mobile and Mobile County. We represent business interests of the Mobile region, advocating for business-friendly legislative policies and serve as a resource for small businesses and area entrepreneurs. Additional information is on the Chamber’s [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).