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Midnight Janitorial to receive a national 2009 American Business Ethics Award

A recipient of a 2008 Rochester Business Ethics Award, Midnight Janitorial is the third Rochester company to receive national ABEA recognition

Midnight Janitorial, a Rochester office cleaning company founded in 2005 by Angella Luyk, will receive a 2009 American Business Ethics Award at a national award ceremony and convention in Phoenix, Arizona in October.

Midnight Janitorial, which has 30 employees, is the 2009 ABEA recipient in the small company category.

The national American Business Ethics Awards is sponsored by the Society of Financial Services Professionals, which has been conducting a national ethics competition since 1994. It draws its entries from the award recipients of local competitions held throughout the United States by its 178 chapters.

Modeled on the ABEA, the Rochester Business Ethics Award was established in 2003 by the Rochester Chapter of the Society for Financial Service Professionals in conjunction with St. John Fisher College and the Rochester Business Alliance.

In 2005, PAETEC Corp., a 2004 RBEA recipient, was a national ABEA recipient for mid-sized companies, and QED Technologies, a 2003 RBEA recipient, was a national runner up.

The 2009 Rochester Business Ethics Awards will be given out at a luncheon on Tuesday, September 22 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Information is available at the RBEA web site – www.rochesterbusinessethics.com

“Since our business is based exclusively in Rochester and Monroe County, we were thrilled in 2008 to receive a Rochester Business Ethics Award,” said Angella Luyk, founder and president of Midnight Janitorial. “This national honor is ‘icing on the cake’ that further affirms what our company and its employees aspire to in the way of high ethical standards.

“A strong work ethic coupled with strong business ethics is a powerful combination.”

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“Not only does this national award honor a home-grown Rochester business, it acknowledges the high level of competition for this award in the Rochester area,” says Alan Ziegler, president of Future Funding Corp. who is president of the Rochester Area Business Ethics Foundation and a former national president of the Society of Financial Service Professionals.

“That we have had three companies – Midnight Janitorial, Paetec and QED Technologies – rise to this national recognition says a lot about our business people and the kind of ethical climate they choose to create here.”

Criteria and Judging

The American Business Ethics Award recognizes companies that exemplify high standards of ethical behavior in their everyday business conduct and/or in response to a specific ethical crises or challenges. Entries are judged by a distinguished, independent panel of judges who represent the business, academic, public service, and consulting communities. Marty Palumbos, principal of PS&E Plan to Prosper and chair of the RBEA Steering Committee, served as a national judge in 2007.

Like the ABEA, the RBEA also recruits an independent panel of local judges to determine its finalists and recipients.

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The Foundation for Financial Service Professionals works in conjunction with the 178 Chapters of the Society of FSP across the United States to foster regional ABEA programs. These programs recognize and honor companies in their communities that embody and demonstrate high standards of ethical behavior in their everyday business conduct.

The Society of Financial Service Professionals is more than 80 years old with nearly 17,000 members in 178 Chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada and Singapore.

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