



# Blue Springs EDC **EMPOWER** BUSINESS AWARDS APPLICATION 2015

The Blue Springs EDC (EDC) exists to assist and promote local business development and investment, leading to the creation of jobs and supporting economic growth throughout the City of Blue Springs, Missouri. The EDC's Board and Investors want to recognize local and area companies and individuals that have helped move the Blue Springs community forward in ways that have a positive impact and value to both our residents and business community. We believe your participation and recognition will help Blue Springs grow and prosper, while we work to improve local economic development opportunities.

In 2014, the EDC initiated the inaugural Blue Springs EDC **EMPOWER** Business Awards program. Now an annual event, the **EMPOWER** Business Awards will continue to celebrate the importance of business and entrepreneurship in the Blue Springs community and highlight the unique business and civic spirit that flourishes in our community. The award recipients are selected based on economic factors such as growth, development, capital investment, job creation and retention and leadership that has or is positively impacting the capacity of Blue Springs to grow.

If you are a business and/or individual who has **EMPOWERed** Blue Springs, or you would like to nominate a company/individual, please take a few minutes and complete the following application.

Award nominations are currently being accepted in five categories we feel distinctly bring attention, recognition and promotion of growth and development to Blue Springs:



**Civic Leader of the Year**



**Large Business of the Year** (25 or more employees)



**Start Up Business of the Year**



**Entrepreneur of the Year**



**Small Business of the Year** (Fewer than 25 employees)

Applications will be accepted through July 27, 2015 at 5 p.m. All qualified nominees will receive two free seats to the September 24, 2015 awards program.

**Please contact Teresa Evans at [tevens@bluespringsedc.com](mailto:tevens@bluespringsedc.com) or 816.622.8222 with any questions.**

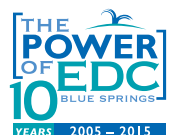
Sincerely,

Bill Essman, *Chairman*

Mayor Carson Ross

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## Nominate a company/individual who EMPOWERs Blue Springs

- **Civic Leader of the Year:** A business leader in a company who demonstrates positive social and economic/financial impact on Blue Springs.
- **Entrepreneur of the Year:** An individual who clearly exhibits a high level of entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, perseverance and creativity, and is driven to achieve goals and affect change that demonstrates the promise to have an economic/financial impact on Blue Springs. The individual typically sets up business, innovative concept, idea or process to eventually operate without them. They may or may not have a current business in existence.
- **Small Business of the Year (Fewer than 25 Employees) and Large Business of the Year (25 or more Employees):** In business four or more years, the business has experienced exceptional growth through additional creation of jobs and/or revenue, innovation and creativity in business, outstanding customer services and/or business accomplishments, and demonstrates economic/financial impact on Blue Springs.
- **Start Up Business of the Year:** In business one to three years, a company that has solved a problem/met a need in the community, knows their business and their customer, makes calculated decisions and handles day-to-day running of the business. The company demonstrates promise to have a long-term economic and financial impact on Blue Springs.

## Award Categories

- Civic Leader of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Large Business of the Year – 25 or more employees
- Small Business of the Year – Fewer than 25 employees
- Start Up Business of the Year



## Company/Individual Being Nominated

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

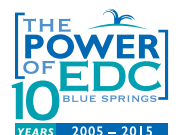
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Business Established: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Multiple submissions can be made within each category and a separate form completed for each submission.*

**Please complete the sections below that apply to the specific award category.**

**How does the company/individual EMPOWER Blue Springs to succeed?**

**Job Creation/Retention:**

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**Significant Capital Investment:**

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**Leadership that Impacts the Capacity of the Community to Grow:**

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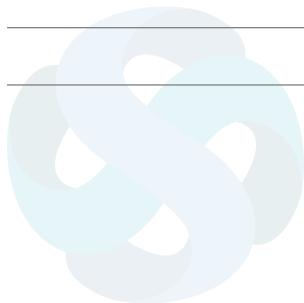
**Sales/Revenue Growth:**

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**Innovation/Creativity:**

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**Perseverance/Success in Facing Challenges:**

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**Other (i.e. Outstanding Customer Service, Notable Business Accomplishments, etc.):**

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**How does Blue Springs EMPOWER the company/individual to succeed?  
Assistance/Support provided by EDC, City, Chamber, etc.:**

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**Other (i.e. Outstanding Customer Service, Notable Business Accomplishments, etc.):**

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