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Press Release

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2014 AABE Recipients Named

Twenty-two (22) suburban based companies and business organizations have been selected as honorees of the **24th Annual Awards for Business Excellence (AABEs)**. The AABEs are presented in recognition of business achievement, growth and community involvement. Honorees this year were selected in 11 categories of competition.

The award recipients will be recognized at a reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at the Medinah Banquets in Addison. The keynote speaker will be Tom Gimbel, Founder and CEO of LaSalle Network. Mr. Gimbel was previously honored for the Entrepreneurial Excellence Award (2013).

The recipient companies and organizations will be profiled in a special publication of the Daily Herald Business Ledger published on April 14, 2014.

By category, the 2014 recipients are:

Small Companies (50 or fewer employees) –

Design & Promote, Naperville;
Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard, PC, Waukegan;
Sullivan, Taylor & Gumina, PC, Wheaton;
Trade Tec Skyline, Lombard.

Mid-sized Companies (51-150 employees) –

LaSalle Network, Oak Brook.

Large Companies (more than 150 employees) –

Transportation Solutions Enterprises, Carol Stream.

Architecture & Construction –

Kluber Architects + Engineers, Batavia;
Lamp, Inc., Elgin;
Leopardo Companies, Hoffman Estates;
Wight & Company, Darien.

Economic Development Entity –

Village of Elk Grove.

Entertainment / Hospitality –
Medieval Times, Schaumburg;
Tinley Park Convention Center.

Family Business –
Feldco, Des Plaines.

Innovation –
AEC Technology, St. Charles;
Kelmscott Communications, Aurora;
SimplyFly, Sugar Grove.

Manufacturing –
Ergoseal, Inc., Carol Stream.

Minority Owned Business –
The Virtual Assistant Group, Naperville.

Notable Not-for-Profit Organizations –
African American Men of Unity, Aurora;
Bridge Communities, Glen Ellyn;
NAMI of DuPage County, Wheaton.

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Cost to attend the reception is \$55 per person or a corporate rate of \$250 for 10. Registrations are taken online at <http://www.dbbusinessledger.com>.

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