



# Business of the Year Application

This award is based on a number of economic and social contributions, as well as the work environment for employees in St. Lucie County between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

**Application Deadline: Friday, August 14, 2009**

Your application must include a DIGITAL PHOTO of the business facility.

Submit Application To: St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce  
Attention: Tanya Smith ~ B&I Awards  
1850 SW Fountainview Blvd., Suite 201, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986  
Phone: (772)340-1333 Fax: (772) 785-7021 Email: Tanya@StLucieChamber.org

The awards presentation will take place at the 25th Annual Business & Industry Appreciation Awards Dinner, Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center.

### AWARD APPLICATION

We offer an award to one business from each of the following industry sectors. Please select which industry sector best represents your business:

- *Agricultural*
- *Best Green Business Corporate Sustainability Leadership Award*
- *Construction & Trades*
- *Health & Environmental*
- *Hospitality & Tourism*
- *Manufacturing & Industrial*
- *Non-Profit/Community Services*
- *Professional & Financial Services*
- *Retail, Sales, & Marketing*
- *Technology & Media*

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Parent Company and/or Business Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date business was established: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please see page 2 of this application for complete instructions.**



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## Application cont'd

Please answer the following on a separate sheet of paper as it applies to your business during the period of July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

- 1. Community Involvement and Social Impact:** Describe your company policies currently in place to encourage and/or reward your employees for contributions to the community through participation and volunteerism and what contributions your company makes to assist with community events.
- 2. Economic Impact on Community:** Describe your company's economic impact on St. Lucie County, such as job creation and capital investment.
- 3. Chamber Membership and Participation:** If applicable, describe your experience as a member of the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce and your employees' participation.
- 4. Work Environment:** Describe your company's work environment including professional growth opportunities, corporate culture and employee appreciation practices.
- 5. Environmental Responsibility:** Describe in what ways your company is environmentally conscious?
- 6. Expansion:** If applicable, describe any recent or planned company expansions and describe the impact or significance of this expansion.

**Describe your business in 25 words or less: \_\_\_\_\_**

***Please keep in mind that the above description is how your business is portrayed at the Awards Dinner in the PowerPoint Presentation and is subject to editing.***

**Thank you for your contributions to St. Lucie County!**



# Best Green Business Award

## Corporate Sustainability Leadership Application

The Corporate Sustainability Leadership Award recognizes organizations who have adopted and profited from Green Business practices and principles. Successful corporate leaders recognize that "business as usual" is rapidly changing and evolving toward a Greener Business model. Business and Industry leaders understand that a commitment to resource efficiency, profitability and sustainability has become an integral part of corporate culture, and must pervade throughout their companies to be successful. Green Business Practices improve profitability, while improving the public image of organizations. This Award recognizes the work of green businesses that have best demonstrated the ability to "Go Green and Profit". The criteria below is not intended to be a finite list of ways a business can "Go Green" but rather a general starting point. We encourage applicants to utilize the open-ended questions below to fully describe the actions, policies, and procedures that have allowed them to 'Go Green and Profit'! Please answer the following on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Does your business provide opportunities for staff and patrons to recycle products in office areas, classrooms, and public areas, including lobbies, facilities, etc?
2. Does your business encourage the use of electronic communication as a means of conserving paper?
3. Is staff encouraged to use double –sided copying of documents?
4. Is energy-efficient light used (florescent, compact fluorescent, motion activated lighting in restrooms)?
5. Does your business include energy efficiency as a specification when purchasing or replacing vehicles or major appliances?
6. Do facility HVAC systems include energy saving features such as min/max settings designed to reduce use during down time, interior air recycling, regular cleaning and efficiency inspections, etc?
7. Does your facility make use of alternative energy systems to appropriate and/or conserve energy, such as a solar system or wind turbine?
8. Does your company support or encourage carpooling, walking or cycling? If so please describe.
9. Describe a project, initiative, efforts or activities that have benefited the community, environment and/ or the wellbeing of your staff and contributed to increased profitability of your organization. Please provide as many details as possible.
10. By "Going Green", what have you achieved environmentally, economically, socially and in other ways, for your own organization or for external stakeholders, e.g. financially, brand awareness, conflict resolution, worker health? Be as specific as you can.
11. What obstacles or challenges have you faced and how have they been overcome?
13. How do you plan to build on or extend your efforts in future?
14. Does your company support or provide educational opportunities for employees to learn about and to develop new ways to reduce waste, conserve resources and reduce pollution at work and at home?
15. Summing up, why do you think your entry deserves to win a Corporate Sustainability Leadership Award? Please include any additional details not previously mentioned above.



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# BUSINESS & INDUSTRY AWARDS

## Welcome Award Application

This award recognizes companies opening a new business, new St. Lucie County office, or relocating to St. Lucie County between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Parent Company and/or Business Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Date business was established: \_\_\_\_\_

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