



Is the 2009 BKD Indiana Excellence Awards Right for You?

Has your company made improvements in your business practices, products or services that have had a positive impact? Are you located in the state of Indiana? If so, you can be the next winner of the 2009 BKD Indiana Excellence Awards.

What is it?

The BKD Indiana Excellence Awards are designed to promote business performance excellence and recognize measured improvements of public and private organizations in Indiana. The program is founded on the concept that **improving businesses improve Indiana**, making it a better place to live, work and play. Winning organizations will demonstrate a commitment to business excellence through the improvement of a product, service or business practice and the positive impact it has had on the organization and the state of Indiana.

Who is eligible?

Any measurable improvement to a product, service or business process implemented in a business or NFP organization in the state of Indiana is eligible, with a focus on improvements made over the past year. Categories include: health care providers, manufacturing and distribution, not-for-profit and government and organizations in the service industry.

How are winners selected?

Applications in each category will be reviewed and evaluated by judges from the sponsoring organizations, as well as an independent group of leaders from your profession and professional organizations. Site visits will also be conducted. Finalists and winners will be recognized at an awards luncheon with exact date and time yet to be decided for November 2009.

What does it cost?

There is an entry fee of \$40. Finalists will receive eight complementary tickets to the awards luncheon. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$40 each.

What are my next steps?

- Email Tracy Schwarz, tschwarz@bkd.com, with your intent to apply or with any questions
- Submit a completed application
- If selected as a semi-finalist, be prepared for a site visit by the Excellence Awards judge(s) between August and September 2009
- Attend the awards luncheon on November 12, 2009, at the downtown Indianapolis Westin

What are my benefits?

All finalist and category winners will receive trophies and banners at the awards luncheon. You will be recognized at the luncheon at which over 300 city and business leaders attend. Finalists and winners will also be profiled in the January 2010 cover story of Indiana Business magazine, with a distribution of more than 25,000. ***This is a great opportunity to showcase your organization!***

How can I get more information?

Further information can be found at www.indianabusiness.com/excellence. The 2009 downloadable application will be available on the website sometime in late March or early April 2009.