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## **2014 Business Appreciation Month winners announced** *24 Regional Business Excellence winners, 76 Merit Award winners honored*

The Kansas Department of Commerce has named 24 Regional Business Excellence Award winners and 76 Merit Award winners as part of Business Appreciation Month, the Department's annual celebration of Kansas businesses and their contributions to their communities and the state economy.

The 100 businesses were nominated in one of four categories: manufacturing/distribution, service, retail and hospital/non-profit. Five of the 24 Regional Business Excellence Award winners have been named finalists for the Governor's Award of Excellence, the top award given to a business by the state, which will be announced June 17 at the Team Kansas Awards Banquet in Wichita. The five finalists are:

- Benefit Management Inc., Great Bend
- Galaxy Technologies, Winfield
- Geary Community Hospital, Junction City
- Grandstand Glassware and Apparel, Lawrence
- LifeTeam, Newton

"The businesses honored during Business Appreciation Month have made outstanding contributions to our economy and their communities," Kansas Commerce Secretary Pat George said. "These businesses are investing and hiring in Kansas and as a result our state is enjoying strong job growth and a vibrant economy."

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*(The list of award winners follows on pages 2-5.)*

## Finalists and Regional Business Excellence Award Winners

<b>FINALISTS</b>				
<i>Award Winner</i>	<i>Nominating Organization</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Region</i>
Benefit Management Inc.	Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Eco. Devo	Service	Barton	Northwest
Galaxy Technologies	Cowley First	Manufacturing / Distribution	Cowley	South Central
Geary Community Hospital	Junction City Area Chamber of Commerce	Hospital / Non-Profit	Geary	Northeast
Grandstand Glassware & Apparel	Lawrence Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Douglas	East Central
LifeTeam	LifeTeam	Service	Harvey	South Central
<b>REGIONAL WINNERS</b>				
<i>Award Winner</i>	<i>Nominating Organization</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Region</i>
Becker Autos & Trailers	Solomon Valley Economic Development	Retail	Mitchell & Osborne	Northwest
Bukaty Companies	Accutype Medical Services, Inc	Service	Johnson	East Central
Environmental Manufacturing Inc.	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Riley	Northeast
Gove County Medical Center	City of Quinter	Hospital / Non-Profit	Gove	Northwest
John K. Fisher, Inc.	El Dorado Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Butler	South Central
Kalvesta Implement Company	Senator Larry Powell	Retail	Finney	Southwest
Kansas Medical Center	Butler County Community Development	Hospital / Non-Profit	Butler	South Central
KDI Operating Company, LLC	Stevens County Economic Development Board	Manufacturing / Distribution	Stevens	Southwest
Lawrence Memorial Hospital	Lawrence Chamber of Commerce	Hospital / Non-Profit	Douglas	East Central
New Boston Creative Group, LLC	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce	Service	Riley	Northeast
Original Bread Inc. dba Panera Bread	Original Bread Inc	Retail	Johnson	East Central
Pawnee Valley Community Hospital	Pawnee County Commissioners	Hospital / Non-Profit	Pawnee	Southwest
Plainjans' Inc./PlainJan Rentals, Inc./Plain Ice LLC	Scott County Development Committee, Inc.	Service	Scott	Southwest
Producers Agricultural Marketing Association (Pro-Ag Marketing)	Pro-Ag Marketing	Manufacturing / Distribution	Smith	Northwest
Skillman Construction, LLC	Coffey County Economic Development	Service	Coffey	Southeast
Superior Building Supply	Woodson County Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Woodson	Southeast
The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Inc.	City of Garnett	Hospital / Non-Profit	Anderson	Southeast
Willie's Sports Pub	City of Atchison	Retail	Atchison	Northeast
Wilson County Citizen	Fredonia area Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Wilson	Southeast

## Merit Award Winners

<b>MERIT AWARD WINNERS</b>				
<i>Award Winner</i>	<i>Nominating Organization</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Region</i>
After Hours Auto Repair Inc.	Kansas Small Business Development Center at WSU	Service	Sedgwick	South Central
Alden-Harrington Funeral Home, Inc.	Bonner Springs-Edwardsville Area Chamber of Commerce	Service	Wyandotte	East Central
AnswerPro Limited	Dr.Michael Pronko	Service	Johnson	East Central
Benedictine College	City of Atchison	Hospital / Non-Profit	Atchison	Northeast
Bert & Wetta Sales	Larned Area Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Pawnee	Southwest
Billy's Blue Duck BBQ	Seward County Community College/Area Tech School	Service	Seward	Southwest
BRG Precision Products	City of Derby	Manufacturing / Distribution	Sedgwick	South Central
Caldwell Messenger	Caldwell Chamber of Commerce	Service	Sumner	South Central
Citizen's Medical Center, Inc.	Thomas County Economic Development Alliance	Hospital / Non-Profit	Thomas	Northwest
Cobalt MedPlans	City of Fort Scott & Fort Scott Chamber of Commerce	Service	Bourbon	Southeast
College Nannies + Tutors	College Nannies + Tutors	Service	Johnson	East Central
Colwich Gardens	City of Colwich	Hospital / Non-Profit	Segwick	South Central
Country Fabrics	City of Garnett	Retail	Anderson	Southeast
Cuppa Joe Espresso	Cheyenne County Development Corporation	Retail	Cheyenne	Northwest
Dave's Enterprise	Cowley First	Retail	Cowley	South Central
Dave's Pizza Oven	Comanche County Economic Development Foundation	Retail	Comanche	Southwest
Donna and Viola's Shirts & Etc.	Osawatomie Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Miami	Southeast
Family Features	Family Features	Service	Johnson	East Central
Front Row Sports	City of Garnett	Retail	Anderson	Southeast
Garmin	HireBilinguals.com	Manufacturing / Distribution	Johnson	East Central
Graves Drug	Winfield Main Street	Retail	Cowley	South Central
Great Plains Gas Compression, Inc.	Seward County Community College/Area Tech School	Manufacturing / Distribution	Stevens	Southwest
Greater Manhattan Community Foundation	Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce	Hospital / Non-Profit	Riley	Northeast
Heartland Hay	Lucas Area Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Russell	Northwest
Hill City Livestock Market	Hill City Area Chamber of Commerce	Service	Graham	Northwest
Hobby House	Lucas PRIDE Committee	Retail	Russell	Northwest
Home Rental Services, Inc.	WDS Marketing & Public Relations	Service	Johnson	East Central
Hometown Brand Center	Rusell County Eco Devo	Retail	Russell	Northwest
Innovative Livestock Services- -Ward Feed Yard	Pawnee County Economic Development Commission	Service	Pawnee	Southwest
Jagged Edge Salon & Spa	Russell County Eco Devo	Retail	Russell	Northwest
JC Speedy Lube	Bonner Springs-Edwardsville Area Chamber of Commerce	Service	Wyandotte	East Central
Kincaid Equipment, Inc.	Haven Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Reno	South Central

Kingsbury Service	Smith Center Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Smith	Northwest
Kohler Manufacturing & Repair, LLC	Solomon Valley Economic Development	Manufacturing / Distribution	Mitchell	Northwest
Lane Myers Co.	Comanche County Economic Development Foundation	Manufacturing / Distribution	Comanche	Southwest
Life Care Center of Osawatomie	Life Care Center of Osawatomie	Service	Miami	Southeast
Little Apple Brewing Company	Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Riley	Northeast
LoMar Bowling Supply	Russell County Eco Devo	Manufacturing / Distribution	Russell	Northwest
Lucas Public Library	Lucas PRIDE Committee	Hospital / Non-Profit	Russell	Northwest
Mi Lady's Hair Care & Nail Salon	Donna Dainer	Retail	Miami	Southeast
Moffet Drug Store	Norton Area Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Norton	Northwest
New Birth Company	New Birth Company	Hospital / Non-Profit	Johnson	East Central
OrthoKansas,LLC	Lawrence Chamber of Commerce	service	Douglas	East Central
Ottawa Main Street Association	Ottawa Main St.Association	Hospital / Non-Profit	Franklin	Southeast
Pate Insurance Agency, LP	Morton Co. Economic Development	Service	Morton	Southwest
Pawsh Wash & Pet Health Market	Lawrence Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Douglas	East Central
Peterson Machine Tools	Greater Morris County Development Corporation	Manufacturing / Distribution	Morris	Northeast
Piping Technology, Inc.	McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Industrial Development, Main Street,	Service	McPherson	South Central
Prairiebrooke Arts, Inc.	Prairiebrooke Arts, Inc.	Retail	Johnson	East Central
Radke Implement	Russell County Eco Devo	Service	Russell	Northwest
Real Estate Center	Hillsboro Development Corporation	Service	Marion	South Central
Resource Service Solutions, LLC	Resource Service Solutions, LLC	Service	Johnson	East Central
ReUse It Center	McPherson Chamber of Commerce, McPherson Industrial Development, Main Street,	Hospital / Non-Profit	McPherson	South Central
Rush County Memorial Hospital	Rush County Economic Development	Hospital / Non-Profit	Rush	Northwest
Schier Products	Bonner Springs-Edwardsville Area Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Wyandotte	East Central
Sicoir Computer Technologies	Link 4 Nutrition/Link 4 Diabetes	Service	Ellis	Northwest
Solomon Valley Hospice	Solomon Valley Economic Development	Hospital / Non-Profit	Mitchell	Northwest
Solomon Valley Manor	Rooks Co. Economic Development	Service	Rooks	Northwest
St. Francis de Sales Church	City of Lansing	Hospital / Non-Profit	Leavenworth	East Central
Sterling Supply, LLC	Rooks County Economic Development	Retail	Rooks	Northwest
Steve's True Value Hardware	Fredonia Area Chamber of Commerce	Retail	wilson	Southeast
Taco John's	City of Lansing, Kansas	Retail	Leavenworth	East Central
Target Distribution Center	GO Topeka	Manufacturing / Distribution	Shawnee	East Central
Team Threads	Columbus Telephone Company	Retail	Cherokee	Southeast
Temps Disposal Service	Marysville Chamber of Commerce	Service	Marshall	Northeast

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	GO Topeka	Manufacturing / Distribution	Shawnee	East Central
The Village Geek	McPherson Main Street	Retail	McPherson	South Central
Tom Adams Construction	City of Garnett	Service	Anderson	Southeast
Troy's Grocery	Lucas Area Chamber of Commerce	Retail	Russell	Northwest
Twin Oaks Health & Rehabilitation	City of Lansing, Kansas	Service	Leavenworth	East Central
USD 415 Educational Foundation	Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development	Hospital / Non-Profit	Brown	Northeast
Wheat State Wine Co.	Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce	Manufacturing / Distribution	Cowley	South Central
Wheatbelt Inc.	Hillsboro Development Corporation	Manufacturing / Distribution	Marion	South Central
William Newton Hospital	Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce	Hospital / Non-Profit	Cowley	South Central
Wilson County Hair & Spa	Fredonia Area Chamber of Commerce	Service	Wilson	Southeast
Winfield Recreation Commission	Winfield Area Chamber of Commerce		Cowley	South Central
After Hours Auto Repair Inc.	Kansas Small Business Development Center at WSU	Service	Sedgwick	South Central
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