

Small Business of the Year Awards 2019

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This event series, borne of our renewed commitment to supporting small businesses, provides the opportunity to recognize outstanding small businesses in the region. Specifically, the Small Business of the Year strategy includes:

- **NEW** independent event honoring some of our exceptional small businesses
 - o January 24, 2019 6:30pm
 - o The 4 Eleven an inspiring former warehouse in the newly developed South Main District
 - o DJ, Food, Cocktails
- NEW recognition categories
 - o Consumer / Retail
 - o Technology
 - Manufacturing / Warehouse
 - Service (accounting, law, etc)
 - Emerging / Start-up (< 3 years old)
- **NEW** One overall Small Business of the Year Award winner (announced at State of the City event)

SBOY Timeline:

Oct 5, 2018 Nominations dueOct 26, 2018 Applications due

Nov 13, 2018 Category finalists determined / announced

Dec 3-7, 2018
Site visits (for category finalists)

Event recognition:

- Jan, 24, 2019 6:30 PM Annual Small Business of the Year Awards event
- Feb. 19, 2019 @ Convention Center Private reception preceding the Mayor's State of the City luncheon
- March 2019 (Date TBA) IYB luncheon that will highlight the Small Business of the Year category winners

Presenting Sponsor - \$12,000 - 2019 SOLD Bank of Texas

- Top billing and logo recognition on all collateral materials, email invitation and online calendar
- Reservations for (8) eight at the SBOY Party Honoring Finalists and Announcing Category Winners
- Opportunity to speak at the SBOY Party Honoring Finalists and Announcing Category Winners
- Reserved table for (10) ten at the State of the City Address
- (10) Ten guests at the Small Business of the Year Reception prior to State of the City Address
- One Company representative seated at head table at the State of the City and announced from the podium
- One seat on the Small Business of the Year Task Force (2019-2020)
- Two guests to attend the March 2019 IYB Lunch "Best Practices from SBOY Winners" (with opportunity to speak)

Platinum Sponsor - \$7,500 Total Available: 4 Current Sponsors - CLA Fort Worth and TCU Neeley School of Business

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