

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Call for Nominations for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards**

Windsor, ON – The Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that nominations for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards are now open until Friday, October 4, 2013.

This year, 12 awards will be presented and award winners will be announced on April 23, 2014 at the Business Excellence Awards. Categories include: Small Company of the Year, Mid Size Company of the Year, Large Company of the Year, International Business Award, New Business of the Year (Formerly Start Up of the Year), Innovation Award, Professional of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Rising Leader of the Year, and Tourism & Hospitality Award. Also included in the awards ceremony are the recipients of the Believe Windsor Essex and ATHENA Awards.

Since 1991, the Business Excellence Awards has become the premier event of the year, recognizing the achievements and contributions of business leaders in Windsor and Essex County. This evening will bring together Windsor and area business leaders and media for a celebration of excellence in business. An independent judging panel comprised of local businesspersons will complete judging of the finalists in each award category.

The BEA Committee is looking for judges and is also accepting proposals for Show Producer, Technical Producer and Video Producer. If you are interested in volunteering as a judge or wish to find out more about the request for proposals, contact Marianne Burke, Director of Events, at [mburke@windsorchamber.org](mailto:mburke@windsorchamber.org).

The Chamber looks forward to seeing Windsor-Essex businesses grow even further for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards this year. For more information, including how to nominate a business or individual, visit [www.windsorchamber.org](http://www.windsorchamber.org).

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