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Renton Business Excellence Award winners announced!

The Renton Chamber of Commerce honored 18 outstanding Renton area businesses and named the winners of the 2007 Business Excellence Awards at a special ceremony on June 7 at Renton Technical College, located at 3000 NE 4th St. in Renton. The winners and finalists are:

- **CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD: Holiday Inn Renton**
(finalists: Frontier Bank and Oil Can Henry's)
- **COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD: IKEA**
(finalists: Spirit of Washington Dinner Train and Marcie Maxwell, Windermere Realtor)
- **MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS SUCCESS STORY AWARD: Fin N' Bone**
(finalists: Vince's Coffee House and 3 Sister's BBQ)
- **OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT AWARD: The HopeChest**
(finalists: Washington Women's Employment & Education and Way Back Inn)
- **BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD: 1-10 EMPLOYEES: American Classic Homes Real Estate**
(finalists: BECU – Renton Neighborhood Financial Center and Garland Jewelers)
- **BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD: 10+ EMPLOYEES: Valley Medical Center**
(finalists: The Boeing Company and Brotherton Cadillac, Pontiac, Buick, GMC)

Chairman of the Renton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Greg Taylor (The Advanced Mortgage Group) presented an additional award:

- **The Renton Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award: Sharon Gregory**
Sharon Gregory has been volunteering her time and efforts to the Renton Chamber for over six years. On a weekly basis, Sharon assists office staff with day-to-day clerical work, answering phones, helping walk-in customers and assisting with important events and meetings.

The Business Excellence Awards ceremony is an annual event of the Renton Chamber of Commerce. The awards recognize and celebrate the achievements of Renton area businesses that have distinguished themselves through excellence in service and operations in the eyes of their customers, employees, and the community. The winners were nominated by fellow business owners and Renton citizens and chosen by their peers via a ballot sent to all Renton Chamber members. This year the Chamber experienced an unprecedented level of response and received over 150 nominations.

The Chamber would like to thank those who supported the Business Excellence Awards with sponsorships: Shooting Star Sponsor: **Puget Sound Energy**; Gold Star Sponsors: **First Savings Bank of Renton** and **Merrill, Carlson & Co.**, Silver Star Sponsors: **BECU-Renton NFC**, **McLendon Hardware**, **The Boeing Company**, **The Business Report**, **The Renton Printery**,

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