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Renton Chamber 2006 Business Excellence Award finalists announced

The Renton Chamber of Commerce will honor 23 outstanding Renton area businesses and name the winners of the Business Excellence Awards at an awards ceremony on Thursday, June 1 at The Spirit of Washington Event Center, 233 Burnett Ave S., Renton. The Chamber Volunteer of the Year will be awarded and the new Renton Community Foundation Executive Director, Lynn Bohart will be formally introduced.

The 2006 Business Excellence Awards Finalists are:

CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

IKEA
King & Bunny's Appliances
Melrose Grill

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

First Savings Bank of Renton
Marcie Maxwell, Windermere Realtor
McLendon Hardware

MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS SUCCESS STORY AWARD

Bill's Bodacious BBQ
3 Sister's BBQ
Torero's Mexican Restaurants

OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT AWARD

Piazza Renton
The Salvation Army Renton Rotary Food Bank
Vision House

BEAUTIFY RENTON

Armondo's Café Italiano / Denbe of Renton LLC
First Savings Bank of Renton
Spirit of Washington Event Center

SHOP RENTON:

1-10 EMPLOYEES
Cugini Florists
King & Bunny's Appliances
Sweetgrass Home & Garden

SHOP RENTON:

10+ EMPLOYEES
IKEA
McLendon Hardware
Renton Village Thriftway

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD:

1-10 EMPLOYEES
Bella Napoli Ristorante Italiano
Frontier Bank
Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD:

10+ EMPLOYEES
The Boeing Company
IKEA
Sam's Club

All finalists will be honored and the winner announced in each category at the Business Excellence Awards on June 1. You won't want to miss the excitement as the Chamber recognizes these outstanding businesses. The event will begin at 5:30 pm with a social hour and will progress with dinner and the award ceremonies. Tickets are \$55; RSVP by calling (425) 226-4560 or online at www.GoRenton.com.

Professional photos of the finalists will be provided compliments of Hudson's Designer Portraits. In addition, Puget Sound Access, South King County's public access cable channel staff and video production students will feature all finalists in a video segment shown at the banquet.

The Chamber would like to thank those who are supporting 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: **McLendon Hardware, The Business Report, The Boeing Company, The Renton Printery, and Wal-Mart**; Photography Sponsor: **Hudson's Designer Portraits**; Video Sponsor: **Puget Sound Access / Channel 77**; Table Sponsors: **American Classic Homes, Banner Bank, Freddie's Club of Renton / Diamond Lil's Card Casino, Hudson's Designer Portraits, IKEA, and King & Bunny's Appliances**; and Contributing Sponsors: **Law Offices of Frank V. Davidson, Marcie Maxwell - Windermere Realtor, Ron Stroben - Farmers Insurance, Jim Sullivan - State Farm Insurance.**

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