**EMERGING COMPANY CIO/CTO**

The Tech Titans Emerging Company CIO/CTO award recognizes the Chief Information Officer or Corporate Technology or Science Officer of a North Texas based technology or non-technology company for exceptional technical leadership that fostered the development of a new technology resulting in significant value for the company. The company must have 2020 operating revenues below $200 million.

**Emerging Company CIO/CTO Award Qualifications:**

* The nominee may be with a technology or technology enabled company.
* The nominee’s technical leadership demonstrates team building and market awareness skills and the maintenance of a creative environment.
* The nominee’s technical knowledge fostered the inception and development, not adoption or adaptation, of novel product(s), service(s), intellectual property, and/or processes.
* The nominee’s company has 2020 operating revenues below $200 million.

**As part of the selection process, nominations will be judged on the following criteria:**

* How the nominee created and/or supported the environment and team for success. (30%)
* How the nominee demonstrates technical leadership. (25%)
* What the nominee has done to assure that the new technology provides a sustainable competitive advantage. (25%)
* The impact the new technology has created or is expected to create. (20%)

**Award category judges’ interview:**

* ***Nominees selected as semi-finalists for this award will be required to attend a virtual interview with the judges on Tuesday, August 31st from 8:30 am – 10:00 am. All nominees for this award should be informed of the potential for this interview.***

***Questions:***

* Was 2020 operating revenue below $200 million?

1. Describe briefly the technological breakthrough(s), that the nominee’s team is responsible for creating and the related industry sector where it is (they are) applied.
2. Explain how the nominee created and/or supported the environment and team where aggressive goals are established, teamwork is rewarded, risk taking is encouraged, and incentive for success is in place. (30%)
3. Describe the nominee’s technical leadership in identifying opportunities, achieving corporate consensus and support for projects, and assuring that their team has the resources required for success. (25%)
4. Describe what the nominee has done to assure that the new technology provides a sustainable competitive advantage and to successfully communicate the impact of this technology internally and, without giving away the advantage, externally. (25%)
5. Describe the impact the new technology has created or is expected to create. (20%)
6. Additional comments related to nomination.

* Attach an optional document related to the nomination. (i.e. video, powerpoint, website) Judges may or may not review it.
* Does the nominee consent to this nomination?
* Does the nominee agree to attend the required virtual interview should they be selected as a semi-finalist for this category?

The interview date and time for the Emerging Company CIO/CTO category has been set for ***Tuesday, August 31st from 8:30 am – 10:00 am***. Failure to attend this interview with the judges will result in automatic ineligibility to be a finalist or winner. Nominees will be notified if they have been selected for an interview by August 23rd and will be given further instructions at this time.

If selected as a finalist, does the nominee agree to attend the Awards Gala on Thursday, October 21st?