**TECHNOLOGY INVENTORS**

The Tech Titans Technology Inventors award recognizes the pioneering accomplishments of a person, team or group responsible for the creation of technical breakthrough ideas, processes or products which have advanced the discipline. The nominee is with a North Texas company or institution.

**Technology Inventors Award Qualifications:**

* The nominee is an individual or team employed by a North Texas company or educational institution.
* The nominee’s accomplishments are compelling and/or disruptive.
* The nominee’s accomplishments will positively change and/or advance industry, science, business and/or society.

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

* How the inventor’s accomplishments are compelling and/or disruptive, citing examples. (33%)
* How the accomplishments will positively change and/or advance industry, science, business and/or society. (33%)
* Clearly and quantifiably describe the commercialization results that have been achieved to date. If the idea is pre-commercialization, explain what milestones have been achieved and/or reactions have been received from the industry or technical field. (34%)

**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 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. All nominees for this award should be informed of the potential for this interview.***

***Questions:***

1. Describe the nominee’s technological breakthrough, the person or team responsible, and the related industry sector or technical field where it is applied.
2. Explain how the nominee’s accomplishments are compelling and/or disruptive. (40%)
3. Explain how the accomplishment will positively change and/or advance industry, science, business and/or society. (40%)
4. Clearly and quantifiably describe the commercialization results that have been achieved to date. If the idea is pre-commercialization, explain what milestones have been achieved and/or reactions have been received from the industry or technical field. (34%)
5. 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 Technology Inventors category has been set for ***Tuesday, August 31st from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm***. 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?