**START-UP COMPANY CEO**

The Tech Titans Start Up Company CEO award recognizes the CEO of a technology company headquartered in North Texas with 2023 operating revenues of less than $2 million.

**Start-Up Company CEO Award Qualifications:**

* The nominee's company must either own or develop proprietary intellectual property or proprietary technology. Alternatively, the nominee’s company should develop technology that is sold to customers, whether as products or services, contributing to a majority of the company’s operating revenues. This requirement may also be satisfied if the nominee's company augments other companies’ technology or intellectual property, which is marketed and sold separately.
* The nominee’s company is headquartered in the North Texas region.
* The nominee must reside in an office in the North Texas area.
* The nominee’s company has 2023 operating revenues of less than $2 million.

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

* How the nominee has demonstrated leadership, vision, commitment, and involvement. (40%)
* What measurable accomplishments the company has achieved as a direct result of the nominee’s leadership. (40%)
* How the nominee promotes and provides a positive impact to the technology industry and the community. (20%)

**Award category judges’ interview:**

* ***Nominees selected as semi-finalists for this award will be required to attend an IN-PERSON interview with the judges the week of June 15th. All nominees for this award should be informed of the potential for this interview.***

***Questions:***

* Was 2023 operating revenue less than $2 million?
* Is the nominee’s company a technology company?

Provide a brief statement describing how the company’s technology meets the requirements: The nominee's company must either own or develop proprietary intellectual property or proprietary technology. Alternatively, the nominee’s company should develop technology that is sold to customers, whether as products or services, contributing to a majority of the company’s operating revenues. This requirement may also be satisfied if the nominee's company augments other companies’ technology or intellectual property, which is marketed and sold separately.

* Is the nominee’s company headquartered in North Texas?
* Does the nominee reside and office in the North Texas area?

1. Briefly describe the company’s business and industry sector.
2. Describe your company's North Texas presence:
3. Location type (headquarters or division office).
4. Physical address of the North Texas location - No P.O. Boxes.
5. If this is a division office, specify division office activities.
6. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated leadership, vision, commitment, and involvement. (40%)
7. Describe and define what measurable accomplishments the company has achieved as a direct result of the nominee’s leadership. (40%)
8. Describe how the nominee promotes and provides a positive impact to the technology industry and the community. (20%)
9. Additional comments related to the 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 in-person interview should they be selected as a semi-finalist for this category?

The interview date and time for the Start-Up Company CEO category has been set for the ***week of June 15th***. Please reserve this time on your calendar. Failure to attend this interview with the judges will result in automatic ineligibility to be a finalist or winner.

If selected as a finalist, does the nominee agree to attend the Awards Gala on Friday, September 20th at the Renaissance Hotel in Addison, TX?