

2006 Tekne Award Recipients

Innovation Award

Honors a business that has demonstrated leadership, dedication and excellence in the development of an innovation with the potential to contribute significantly to Minnesota's technology-based economy.

Emerging company: **Hysitron**, Eden Prairie
Established company: **Imation Corp.**, Oakdale

Advanced Manufacturing

Advanced materials and chemicals, machinery and equipment, electronics and components, measuring instruments, photonics, optics and lasers, and computer and peripheral equipment.

Emerging company: **MOCON**, Minneapolis
Established company: **3M**, St. Paul

Biotechnology

Agriculture, environmental, food science and pharmaceuticals

Emerging company: **BioE**, St. Paul
Established company: **MGI Pharma**, Bloomington

IT-Software, Communications and Infrastructure

Software, networking, communications, and wireless equipment and products.

Emerging company: **VisionShare**, Minneapolis
Established company: **Stellent**, Eden Prairie

Medical Technology

Devices, diagnostics and equipment.

Emerging company: **Lumen Biomedical**, Plymouth
Established company: **Medtronic**, Minneapolis

Leadership

Outstanding individual whom, beyond a specific innovation or achievement, has contributed significantly to Minnesota's technology expansion.

Emerging company: **Brett Shockley**, Spanlink
Communications
Established company: **Michael Luker**, Sunny Fresh Foods

Technology Services

Finding innovative solutions for a client's use of technology.

Emerging company: **StoneL**, Fergus Falls
Established company: **MTS Systems Corporation**, Eden
Prairie

Technology User

Innovative application of products or services resulting in dramatic business improvement or market advantage

Emerging company: **Cool Clean Technologies**, Eagan
Established company: **Minnesota State Colleges and
Universities**, St. Paul

Innovation in Teaching

Recognizes excellence in education by creating exciting learning opportunities for students through the innovative use of technology

Brad Blue, Minneapolis Public Schools

Emerging company: annual revenues under \$50 million *Established company:
annual revenues of \$50 million+ or division within an established company that
exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit

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