

2007 Tekne Award Recipients

Innovative Collaboration Award

Honors a business/community/academic collaboration that has demonstrated leadership, dedication and excellence in delivering innovation to Minnesota's technology-based economy and/or the Minnesota community in general.

University of Minnesota: Academic and Corporate Relations Center

Green Award

Honors businesses that practice environmental awareness/responsibility and incorporate sustainability principles into their business model.

Fabcon, Savage

Advanced Manufacturing

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

Small & Growing company: **Restaurant Technologies, Inc., Eagan**

Established company: **Emerson Process Management/Rosemount Division, Chanhassen**

Biotechnology

Agriculture, environmental, food science and pharmaceuticals

Small & Growing company: **Newport Laboratories, Worthington**

Established company: **NatureWorks LLC, Minnetonka**

IT-Software & Hardware, Communications and Infrastructure

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

Small & Growing company: **Wireless Ronin Technologies, Minnetonka**

Established company: **Seagate Technology, Shakopee**

Medical Technology

Devices, diagnostics and equipment.

Small & Growing company: **Vascular Solutions, Maple Grove**

Established company: **Medtronic, Minneapolis**

Leadership

Outstanding individual whom, beyond a specific innovation or achievement, has helped to further technology expansion in this state and contributed significantly to Minnesota's community at large.

Community Champion: **Ron Bennett, University of St. Thomas**

Leadership: **Susan Nestegard, Ecolab**

Technology Services

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

Small & Growing company: **Swarmcast, Minneapolis**

Established company: **City of Minneapolis**

Technology User

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

Capella University, Minneapolis

Innovation in Teaching

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

Mark Westlake, St. Thomas Academy

November 1, 2007
Minneapolis Convention Center

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