

# 2008 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.*

**The Bakken Museum, Minneapolis**

## **Cleantech Award**

*Recognizes businesses that manufacture environmentally sound products or solutions that reduce costs, inputs, energy consumption, waste or pollution.*

**Tennant Company, Minneapolis**

## **Green Award**

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

Small & Growing company: **Landscape Structures, Delano**  
Established company: **Great River Energy, Maple Grove**

## **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: **Cymbet Corporation, Elk River**  
Established company: **3M, St. Paul**

## **Biotechnology**

*Agriculture, environmental, food science and pharmaceuticals*

**Syntiron, St. Paul**

## **IT-Software & Hardware, Communications and Infrastructure**

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

Small & Growing company: **7 Medical Systems LLC, Minneapolis**  
Established company: **IBM, Rochester**

## **Medical Technology**

*Devices, diagnostics and equipment.*

Small & Growing company: **Minnetronix, St. Paul**  
Established company: **Starkey Labs, Inc., Eden Prairie**

## **Technology Executive of the Year**

*Honors individual members of executive teams who are responsible for the advancement of technology and technology strategy within a company or organization.*

Small & Growing company: **Dr. Patrick Guire, Innovative Surface Technologies**  
Established company: **Rick King, Thomson Reuters**

## **Technology Services**

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

Small & Growing company: **TIES, St. Paul**  
Established company: **GE Capital Solutions Fleet Services**

## **Technology User**

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

**National Marrow Donor Program, Minneapolis**

## **Innovation in Teaching**

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

**Jill Johnson, Patrick Henry High School**

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

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