

2009 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.

Fabcon, Savage & VAST Enterprises LLC, Minneapolis

Cleantech Award

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

VAST Enterprises LLC, Minneapolis

Green Award

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

Ecolab Inc. , St. Paul

Advanced Manufacturing

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

Minnesota Thermal Science LLC, Plymouth

IT-Software & Hardware, Communications & Infrastructure

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

Small & Growing company: **SearchAmerica**, Maple Grove
Established company: **CareerOneStop.org**

Medical Technology

Devices, diagnostics and equipment.

Small & Growing company: **Nonin Medical, Inc.**, Plymouth
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: **Phil Isaacson**, Nonin Medical
Established company: **Joel Ronning**, Digital River

Technology Services

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

Small & Growing company: **Access Genetics**, Eden Prairie
Established company: **XATA Corporation**, Eden Prairie

Technology User

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

Honeywell, Golden Valley

Innovation in Teaching

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

Laurie Toll , Weaver Lake Elementary School

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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