

2010 Oklahoma Small Business Person of the Year



Phil Gordon Busey, Sr.
Chairman and CEO
Delaware Resource Group of
Oklahoma, LLC
Oklahoma City

Nominated by Liberty Strategic Solutions

Phil G. Busey's phenomenal climb to success was achieved in just eight years. In 2002 he created the Delaware Resource Group (DRG) with one other employee. That same year, his Oklahoma City-based company was awarded its first subcontract to support the U.S. Air Force E-3 AWACS Mission Crew Training program at Tinker Air Force Base. Overnight the company grew to 95 employees. Today, Busey's business boasts a 1000 percent growth with 235 employees and sales in excess of \$24 million. The company has expertise in industries such as aerospace, defense, oil and gas, and manages contracts in six states including Alaska and Hawaii.

A member of the Cherokee Nation and Delaware Tribe, Busey practiced law as a partner with several firms, and served as general counsel in a number of commercial enterprises, before living his dream of running his own business. Early on, he developed a long range approach that DRG would walk before it ran. The first years of operation were focused on subcontracting roles and building government contracting expertise. The company hired retiring government contracting professionals to mentor other employees, and employed a philosophy of participation and open communication among senior staff and management.

Over the past several years, DRG has been recognized as one of the fastest growing companies in America by INC. 500. The company was honored by the Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council as the Small Minority Business Supplier of the Year for 2008, and has been named to the Oklahoma City Chamber Metro 50 three times since 2005.

Busey and Cathy, his wife of 30 years, are both alumni of Oklahoma City University (OCU). They believe the primary mission of a successful business is to give back to the community. They fund annual minority scholarships to the OCU Meinders School of Business. Since 2006, they have sponsored and hosted three summits on Oklahoma Business at OCU and in 2005 and 2006 offered, with VA sponsorship, two summits for minority veteran-owned businesses. In 2008, they created the Busey Leadership Institute at Meinders.

In 2009 OCU faced a funding shortfall. The Buseys met the need by personally sponsoring over 25 OCU students to attend the World Business Forum in New York City. Also, Busey writes a weekly column for the Edmond Sun and has written over 100 columns, article and editorials for various publications and magazines.

2010 Jeffrey Butland Family Owned Small Business of the Year



Jennifer Jezek, President
Stephen R. York, CEO
Judith K. York, CFO
York Electronic Systems, Inc.
Broken Arrow

Nominated by Tulsa Metro Chamber

Twenty-five years ago Stephen and Judi York mortgaged their home and used all their savings to start their family business, York Electronic Systems. Today the company, headed by daughter Jennifer Jezek, has emerged as one of the top systems integration firms in the region with sales in excess of \$5 million.

York is dedicated to the strength of its workforce. By consistently investing in quality technical and sales training the company has faithfully maintained 13 of its 32 employees for a combined total of over 200 years tenure. York specializes in fire, life safety, security, communications and audio-visual systems.

An Air Force Vietnam veteran, Stephen serves on the board of Junior Achievement of Greater Tulsa and on the Locksmith and Alarm License Committee for the State of Oklahoma. Judith Judi, a Cherokee Indian and native Tulsan, has served as vice president of Tulsa Arts and Crafts, Inc. and been involved with several charity organizations including Easter Seals, Emergency Infant Services, and St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Jennifer, one of two children, has been involved with the family business for 13 years. A graduate of Langston University, Jennifers expertise, influence and efforts will continue to lead the company to success.

2010 Oklahoma Women in Business Champion of the Year



Darcie Harris, CEO & Founder

EWF International

Oklahoma City

Nominated by Pure PR, LLC

In 1989 Darcie Harris founded EWF International to help women grow their business by providing peer advisory groups, coaching and consulting in Oklahoma City. In 2005, Darcie was able to expand the concept to Tulsa and Denver with a new group beginning in Norman in 2010. As a business consultant, mentor, coach, and advocate for female business owners and executives, Darcie has helped countless women realize their professional dreams. She finds fulfillment of her own dreams by encouraging women to think big, pursue their passions and achieve their personal best.

Darcie has trained and worked with women business owners who continue to excel. The average increase in revenue for women entrepreneurs who participate in the advisory group forums is almost \$278,500 and 93 percent of members report they have a better understanding of their companys strategic indicators.

Recently Darcie shared her passion for female entrepreneurship by volunteering with the Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women (IEEW). In 2009 Darcie traveled to Rwanda as part of the IEEW team and presented a leadership training program to Rwandan female entrepreneurs, then visited each of the students businesses. In 2009 Darcie mentored a woman from Afghanistan who desired to become a business consultant to other women and she is currently mentoring another Afghani woman.

2010 Oklahoma Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

Pamela Lynn Huddleston-Bickford, Owner

Cherokee Data Solutions
Claremore

Nominated by Cherokee Nation



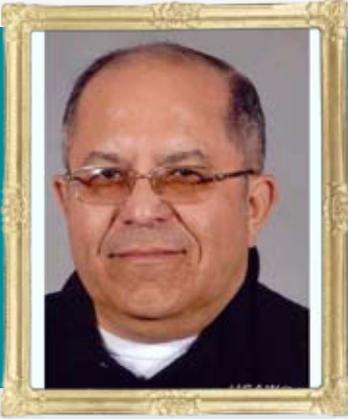
A dream came true in 2001 when Pamela Huddleston-Bickford founded Cherokee Data Solutions (CDS) in Claremore, Okla. She began the company on a shoestring to provide computer accessories, printer supplies and data storage products. Today, CDS has customers in nearly every state across the nation, certifications in most “best of breed” technology solutions, and a product offering of over 700,000 items. Her company can support next day delivery to nearly any location in North America with over 118 distribution warehouses from coast to coast. The company has seen growth of over 2000% since 2001 based on very simple values such as knowing what it is that you do, and then keeping your word to do what you said you would do, no excuses.

From the very beginning, Pamela positioned her woman-owned, Native American, SBA 8(a) certified business to boost Indian communities by providing jobs in rural Oklahoma, and to be an advocate and mentor to other minority small businesses. CDS supports minority entrepreneurship by promoting a culture within her company of helping others achieve success. Pamela said her greatest reward is to see another persons dream take shape and ultimately for them to reach within and change their life, and the lives of others.

Her life mission for her business is in duplicating her successful model in a turn-key solution to support economic development and job creation into remote and impoverished reservations in Indian Country throughout the United States. This dream, Global Native Supply, will bring hope to reservation communities that face unemployment that has historically topped 80%. The project tackles social issues unique to Indian Country as it addresses a non-gaming economic solution for self sufficiency and self determination.

Pamela’s greatest mentor and champion in her life was her Mom, Leona Belle Wisdom Huddleston, who taught her to always bring others along with you, and how to walk the walk, with integrity and grace. This core commitment has brought recognition and numerous awards to Cherokee Data Solutions, including the 2009 US Department of Commerce Technology Firm of the Year, the OMSDC Company of the Year, and The Cherokee Nation Business of the Year.

2010 Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year



Joseph Diaz, Owner

AA Computer Services, Inc.
Lawton

Nominated by the Oklahoma Small
Business Development Center in Lawton

Upon his retirement from the Armed Forces in 2002, Joseph Diaz decided to open his own business using the skills he developed during his military career. He founded AA Computer Services and the business grew quickly. In 2008 he sought the assistance of the Small Business Development Center in Lawton who helped him develop a business plan and qualify for an SBA Patriot Express Loan. However, because of the strength of his application, he was approved for a commercial loan.

Born in New York City, Joe attributes his success to the counseling and training he received from service organizations including the Lawton Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He has taken his small business through several expansions and takes pride in hiring the men and women who fight for our country and freedom - veterans, military family members and National Guard soldiers. As a member of the Lawton Chamber of Commerce & Industry Military Affairs Committee, Joe is involved in promoting business opportunities for veterans at the Ft. Sill Military Post and around the community. He is also an advocate for veteran issues as a member of the Comanche County Veterans Council, US Army Warrant Officers Association, Oklahoma National Guard Association, Military Sojourners and the Fort Sill Retiree Council.

2010 Small Business Development Center Service Excellence and Innovation Center Award

University of Central Oklahoma SBDC

Susan Urbach, Regional Director
Dr. Carlos Amaya, counselor
Larry Siebert, counselor
Oklahoma City



Nominated by the University of Central Oklahoma

State and Regional Winner

The University of Central Oklahoma Small Business Development Center, located in downtown Oklahoma City, has a reputation of success among economic development professionals in the metro area. Under the leadership of Susan Urbach for the past 20 years, the Center combines state of the art technology and aggressive social marketing to attract and mentor record number clients; all with just two additional counselors.

In 2009, the Center exceeded its goal of new business startups by 189% and helped generate more than \$3.3 million in capital. During a year of national economic crisis and sharp job losses, the Center clients created 408 jobs. Each Thursday the Center offers new business seminars such as: The Nuts and Bolts of Going Into Business, and Business Planning 101. With a native Spanish-speaking counselor, the Center is able to offer specialized outreach to Hispanic small businesses with workshops such as Connecting to the Internet and Customer Service.

In 2008, the Center underwent an "Extreme Makeover" when they had to unexpectedly relocate their offices. In rented space just a few blocks away from the original location, the team used sweat, some tears and a lot of creativity, to turn out a state-of-the-art location equipped with a boardroom, media training center, and staff offices. Plans are developed to include a certified SBDC incubator.

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Past Oklahoma Small Business Persons of the Year

2009	Jeanna Sellmeyer NATIONAL WINNER ASSET Group, Inc., Oklahoma City
2008	Marilyn Ihloff Ihloff Salon and Day Spa, Tulsa
2007	Colleen J. Payne-Nabors MCI Diagnostic Center, Tulsa
2006	Phillip C. Miller Long Wave Incorporated, Oklahoma City
2005	Michael O. Lyles Leader Communications, Inc., Oklahoma City
2004	Richard L. Hudson R.L. Hudson & Company, Tulsa
2003	Rhonda A. Clemmer & Donna J. Reddout Eagle Systems and Services Inc., Lawton
2002	Kenneth K. Klein Kleinco Construction Services, Tulsa
2001	Michael A. Engster Centerline, Inc., Tulsa
2000	Roger Valdez Valco Manufacturing Company, Inc., Duncan
1999	Robert & Janet Holcomb Cowboy Concrete & Construction, Co., Inc., Stillwater
1998	Ron Walker Ron Walker Construction Company, Inc., Stillwater
1997	James David Chapman, Julie Chapman, Executrain of OKC
1996	Kenneth M. Chapman Classic Sportswear, Inc., OKC
1995	Rudy J. Alvarado LB&M Associates, Lawton
1994	Regina Jean Carter Aerial Data Service, Tulsa
1993	Steve N. Davis Plaza Red Bud, Inc., Tulsa
1992	Amelia McCoy NATIONAL WINNER Handmade Rainbows & Halos by Amelia, Inc., Lamar
1991	Gary, Brad, & Eric Blevins City Bites, Inc., Oklahoma City

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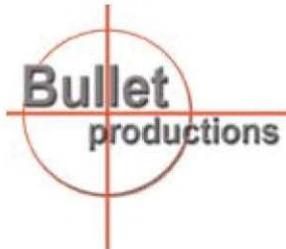
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