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## 2014 Award Criteria

The Klamath County Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the following awards. Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Gala on January 17, 2015. Nomination deadline is December 20, 2015.

### **Business/Organization Awards** (must be a Chamber member)

These awards will recognize a business or organization that fits the criteria (see below). Recipients of these awards will be recognized in radio commercials on Basin Mediaactive radio stations, KLAD FM and News Talk 1150 KAGO as well as in the newspaper, on the Chamber website, and on Chamber social media platforms. The business will receive a trophy or plaque to display in their business.

- **Big IDEA Innovation Award** - Awarded to an organization in any industry that employs new ideas or approaches to doing business. Innovation could fill an unmet need, create attention, be different or better than existing products, exceed market expectations, achieve financial success, or improve business systems.
- **Environmental Leadership Award** - Awarded to any organization in any industry that demonstrates an alignment with clean energy or clean technology practices.
- **Commitment to Community** - Awarded to any organization in any industry that demonstrates a successful approach to corporate social responsibility and can show a positive impact on the community.
- **Best Place to Work Award (business with 15 or less employees, business with 16 or more employees)** - Presented to an organization that, through its innovation and dedication, provides employees with an outstanding positive, healthy and productive workplace.

### **Individual Awards** (must be connected to a Chamber member business/organization)

These awards will recognize an individual who fits the criteria (see below). Recipients of these awards will be recognized in the newspaper, on the Chamber website, and on Chamber social media platforms. The individual will receive prizes donated by local businesses.

- **Spirit of Entrepreneurism** - Awarded to an individual who exhibits an entrepreneurial spirit, originality, personal integrity, and influence. Awarded to an individual who has taken risks in business (could be started a new venture, expanded into a new area, taken on a difficult project, demonstrates "outside the box" thinking, or demonstrate a vision for the future).

\* indicates required information

Nominations can be submitted via fax (541-884-5195), email ([inquiry@klamath.org](mailto:inquiry@klamath.org)), or electronically at [www.klamath.org](http://www.klamath.org). Deadline is December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.



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- **Lifetime Achievement** – Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional business achievement and outstanding commitment to Klamath’s business community over their lifetime. Must be a business leader in Klamath County and be a member of the Chamber. Must have participated in the Klamath business community for a minimum of 20 years.
  - **The Pathfinder Award** - Awarded to presidents, principals or chief executive officers for devoting time and energy to strengthen and transform the organization that they lead. This includes specific situations or initiatives where the recipient’s insight, discernment and ability to lead and inspire have guided their organization to a new level of growth, achievement and recognition. This individual should:
    - actively support advancement of their organization,
    - create a vision and inspire others
    - establish a positive image for his or her business while leading it to higher levels of success,
    - encourage innovation and risk-taking among employees, and
    - give back to the community.

To view a list of Chamber members, visit [www.klamath.org](http://www.klamath.org). Call (541) 884-5193 for more information.

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## 2014 Award Nomination

Please circle the award for which you are making a nomination\*:

### **Business/Organization Awards**

Big Idea Innovation  
Green Business of the Year  
Commitment to Community  
Best Place to Work (15 or less employees)  
Best Place to Work (16 or more employees)

### **Individual Awards**

Spirit of Entrepreneurism  
Lifetime Achievement  
The Pathfinder Award

**Name of Nominee\* (individual or business/organization name):**

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**Contact Information for Nominee\* (phone and email preferred):**

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**Your name and contact information (phone and email preferred):**

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**Please tell us in 500 words or less why you are nominating this business, organization, or individual\*. When possible, please provide specific details for our award committee to consider.**

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**Use separate page if necessary. Thank you for your nomination!**

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