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The Business Backer Named U.S. Chamber Blue Ribbon Small Business Award Winner

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Chamber of Commerce today named The Business Backer of Cincinnati, Ohio, a [Blue Ribbon Small Business Award](#) winner. The annual program recognizes companies for their dedication to the principles of free enterprise and contributions to restoring jobs and supporting economic growth. The Business Backer was selected from a record number of applicants across the nation for demonstrating exceptional business practices in areas including strategic planning, employee development, community involvement, and customer service.

“As the business community has worked hard to do its part in moving the country forward economically, small businesses have continued to be the driving force responsible for much of our progress,” U.S. Chamber President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue said. “Our Blue Ribbon Award winners are the best of the best—growing and succeeding despite significant challenges.”

The Chamber will announce seven regional finalists on March 19 and honor all of this year’s Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners at the 10th annual [America’s Small Business Summit](#), taking place June 11 – 13 in Washington, D.C. During the summit, one regional finalist will receive the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Award, sponsored by Sam’s Club®, and a \$10,000 cash prize courtesy of the U.S. Chamber. All Blue Ribbon winners are also eligible for the [Community Excellence Award](#), which will be decided through online public voting February 19 – 28.

“The Chamber is proud to honor these outstanding small businesses for their contributions to the country’s economic recovery and continued hard work in their communities,” Donohue continued. “They represent the creativity, the determination, and the resilience of the U.S. business community and are examples of the enormous potential of businesses and employees across the country.”

A complete list of this year’s Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners is available [here](#).

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world’s largest business federation representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations. Its International Affairs division includes more than 50 regional and policy experts and 25 country- and region-specific business councils and initiatives. The U.S. Chamber also works closely with 116 American Chambers of Commerce abroad.

The Business Backer, headquartered in Blue Ash, Ohio, provides customized funding solutions and advice for small and medium-sized businesses. The Business Backer's revolutionary approach to underwriting, combined with a team of expert advisors, has allowed the company to secure more \$150 million in funding for thousands of small businesses across the United States. The Business Backer also supports small business owners by connecting customers with partners that will help their businesses thrive now and in the future, including coaches and consultants, payment processors, and other business resources. The Business Backer has received numerous local and national awards for growth, ethics and leadership. Learn more at businessbacker.com.
