

# KANSAS SBDC RECOGNIZES GOOD ENERGY WITH SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

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TOPEKA, Kan. -- The Kansas Small Business Development Center statewide network recognized the 2019 Kansas SBDC Small Businesses of the Year at the annual awards ceremony in Topeka on Tuesday, March 12. Each year the Kansas SBDC recognizes existing, emerging, and exporting Businesses of the Year from the eight Kansas SBDC regional centers.

Good Energy Solutions of Lawrence was recognized as the University of Kansas SBDC's Existing Business of the Year. Owner Kevin Good founded the alternative energy company in 2007 with an education component to his business to ensure well-informed consumers. Partnering with the Kansas SBDC to build on his own business skills has helped Good to earn a solid reputation in the energy business as well as continued growth and profit.

In total, 16 Kansas small businesses were recognized at a ceremony in the Kansas State Capitol rotunda in Topeka on Tuesday. The businesses were selected from more than 2,400 businesses that received Kansas SBDC one-on-one business advising services in 2018.

"The selected businesses were chosen through careful consideration by our Kansas SBDC regional directors and advisors," said Greg Panichello, Kansas SBDC state director. "Collectively, the Kansas SBDC team believes these 16 small businesses are excellent examples of small businesses that have learned to adapt and succeed in challenging times."

WIBW-TV Anchor and Reporter Melissa Brunner emceed the event.

The businesses, listed with their locations and owners:

## **Existing Businesses of the Year**

Floyds, Inc., (automotive repair services) Emporia; John and Ruth Wheeler

LaCrosse Furniture Co., La Crosse; Employee-owned

Wolcott Foods, Kansas City; Ron and Ronnie Tilman

Good Energy Solutions, Lawrence; Kevin and Shana Good

Bolling's Meat Market & Deli, Iola; Cara Bolling Thomas

Angela's Wellness Center, Elkhart; Angela Willey

Dod Installations, Wichita; Wilt and Tina Dodd

The Winged Lion, Manhattan; Ralph Diaz

### **Emerging Businesses of the Year**

Ellen Plumb's City Bookstore, Emporia; Marcia Lawrence

Lost Creek German Shepherds, Clayton; Taylor and John Meitl

Safely Delicious, Overland Park; Lisa Ragan

Leeway Franks, Lawrence; Lee and K Meisel

ArtForms Gallery, Pittsburg; Sue Horner, Janet Lewis, Ruth Miller and Sylvia Shirley

Gravity Wellness Center, Garden City; Kristi Schmitt

Triple Threat Ag Services, Conway Springs; Allen Lange, Paul Lange, Phillip Lange and Aaron Lange

Norsemen Brewing Company, Topeka; Jared and Emily Rudy, Adam and Melissa Rosdahl

### **About Kansas SBDC:**

The Kansas SBDC is a statewide advising, consulting, and training service for small businesses (typically less than 500 employees) funded by federal, state, and local partners. Funding allows the Kansas SBDC to provide advising and training (i.e. financial analysis, marketing, and management) to businesses across the state at low or no cost. Kansas SBDC is an accredited member of America's SBDC, the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the United States.

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