

The Lillie Knox "Investing for Growth" Award (deadline for submission is July 31, 2008)

Lillie Knox was a vital and important part of the history and current success of the Women's Business Council - Southwest (WBCS) and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Lillie passed away after a long battle with cancer on November 10, 2003. In memory of everything she has done for WBCS, WBENC and women business enterprises ... her commitment, her spirit, her passion and determination ... we continue to honor her through the Lillie Knox Investing for Growth Award.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

A \$5,000 cash award will be presented at the 13th Annual Harvesting Partnerships Lillie Knox Memorial Luncheon on September 4, 2008 at the DFW Hilton Lakes Hotel. The recipient will be a certified WBE member of the WBCS who has identified a critical need in her business that, if met, will support the growth and development of her business. The \$5,000 award may fully or partially fund this need and may include, but is not limited to: equipment purchase, technical development or upgrade, consulting services, strategic planning, website development, planning or education.

AWARD CRITERIA

- Recipient must currently be a certified WBE member of the Women's Business Council - Southwest for at least two years (original certification date cannot be later than 8/1/06).
- Application (see following page) for award must be completed by the owner of the certified business and *returned to the WBCS by July 31, 2008 - no exceptions*. Applications received after this date will be unopened. Preferred method: Send via email to Alma Garcia at agarcia@wbcsouthwest.org or mail to WBCS, 2201 N. Collins Street, Suite 158, Arlington, TX 76011.
- Funds awarded must be invested in the business and a report of their use provided to the WBCS no later than 8/3/09.
- Recipient must agree to be a part of the presentation to the following year's recipient at the 2009 Harvesting Partnerships event.
- Recipient must agree that all information from the application is available for use by the WBCS in the presentation or publicity of the award.
- The selection committee will determine the recipient and award the cash prize at the Lillie Knox Memorial Luncheon on September 4, 2008. **Note:** By submitting an application, you agree to be present at this event.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please contact Alma Garcia, WBCS Development Director at agarcia@wbcsouthwest.org or call her at (817) 299-0566 Ext. 207. If you'd like to request an application, please contact Leslie Kazen at lkazen@wbcsouthwest.org.

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APPLICATION

LILLIE KNOX INVESTING FOR GROWTH AWARD

(Please check below)

I agree to the guidelines detailed on page one and certify that the information contained in my application is truthful and accurate.

Owner's Name:

Name of Business:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Business Description:

Year Established:

2006 Revenue:

2007 Revenue:

No. of Employees:

Month and Year of Initial Certification with WBCS (must be on or before 8/1/06):

The judges will also need the following information submitted in the required format as described below. Applications not meeting these requirements will not be considered. Please create a new document to provide the following information.

- Maximum of two pages, double-spaced
- Font "Times New Roman" at a 12 point size
- All margins must be set at one inch
- Describe your involvement and that of your company in the WBCS.
- Provide a brief description of your critical business need and specifically how you will use the \$5,000 Lillie Knox "Investing for Growth" Award to support this need.
- State how meeting this need will support the growth and development of your business.