

## Trident Outstanding Performance Awards

### Fisher Recycling Inc.

**Owner:** Chris Fisher  
**Location:** 334 East Bay St., Charleston  
**Service:** Recycling  
**Employees:** 4  
**Opened:** 1992 with 1 employee

### Curd Enterprises

**President:** Deborah Waddell  
**Address:** 475 Longpoint Rd., Mount Pleasant  
**Product:** Custom thermo forming and design of plastic parts  
**Employees:** 60  
**Opened:** 1965 with 10 employees

### Asset Management Consulting Services

**President:** Jimmy Kerr  
**Address:** 2745 Canter Lane, John's Island  
**Service:** Real estate, property management  
**Employees:** 50  
**Opened:** 1990 with 7 employees

### TTE Inc.

**President:** John Mitchum  
**Address:** 3870 Leeds Ave., North Charleston  
**Service:** Long distance telecommunications  
**Employees:** 32  
**Opened:** 1986 with 6 employees

### Slightly North of Broad

**Owner:** Dick Elliott  
**Address:** 192 East Bay St., Charleston  
**Service:** Restaurants  
**Employees:** 44  
**Opened:** 1992

### Sticky Fingers

**Owners:** Jeff Goldstein, Todd Eischeid, Chad Walldorf  
**Address:** 341 Johnnie Dodds Blvd., Mount Pleasant  
**Service:** Restaurants and catering  
**Employees:** 95  
**Opened:** 1992 with 30 employees

### Allied Steel

**President:** Issac Ryba  
**Address:** 7135 Bryhawke Circle, North Charleston  
**Product:** Sales and processing of raw steel products  
**Employees:** 50  
**Opened:** 1984 with 20 employees

### Custom Car Stereo

**President:** Steve Cramer  
**Address:** 1217 Highway 7, Charleston  
**Product:** Sales and installation of car stereos, alarms, radar detectors, cellular phones and CBs.  
**Employees:** 9  
**Opened:** 1978 with 3 employees

### The Ben Silver Corp.

**Managing director:** Bob Prenner  
**Address:** 149 King St., Charleston  
**Product:** Neckties, blazer buttons, cuff links  
**Employees:** 20  
**Opened:** 1983

### Bauer International Inc.

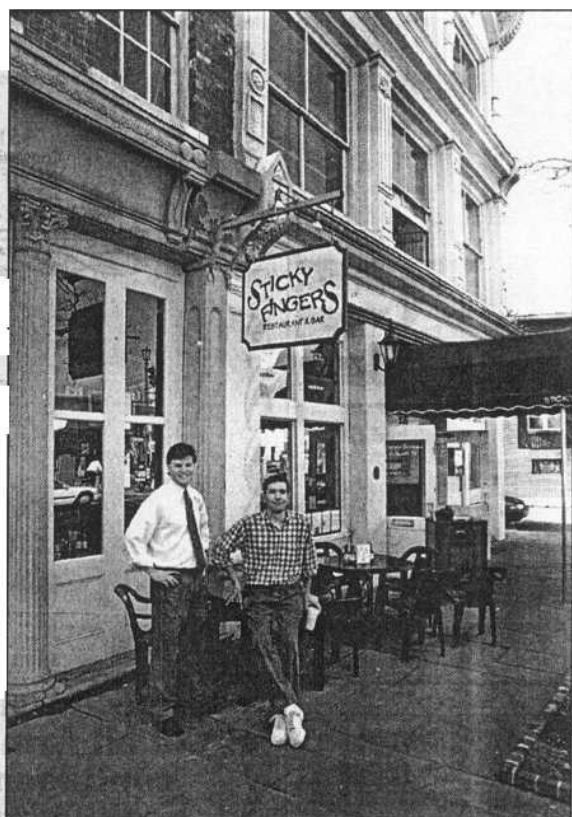
**Owners:** Ken and Dee Ann Bauer  
**Address:** 455 Longpoint Rd., Mount Pleasant  
**Product:** Importers and designers of British and Dutch Colonial furniture  
**Employees:** 8  
**Opened:** 1994

### Atlantic Electric Co. Inc.

**President:** Lee Richardson  
**Address:** 7320 Cross County Rd., North Charleston  
**Service:** Electrical contractors  
**Employees:** 100  
**Opened:** 1969

### Trident Productions Inc.

**CEO:** Steve Cooney  
**Address:** 1583 Savannah Highway, Charleston  
**Service:** Video production/publishing, documentaries, in-house TV programs  
**Employees:** 13  
**Opened:** 1988



Staff Photo by Bill Jordan

Sticky Fingers' owners Chad Walldorf (left) and Jeff Goldstein stand outside their newest location, the former Marianne restaurant on Meeting Street. The barbecue and catering business received a "TOP" award from the chamber of commerce last year.

## 12 small businesses are 'TOP' winners

### Staff reports

Twelve local small businesses have been recognized with "TOP" awards by the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce for outstanding business development this fiscal year.

That's four per quarter. Four more will be added by the end of the fiscal year for a total of 16.

At the end of the year, the businesses will compete for the Chamber's Small Business of the Year award.

The winner will be announced in September.

The 12 are: Fisher Recycling Inc.; Curd Enterprises; TTE Inc.; AMCS/Asset Management Consulting Services; The Elliott Group (for Slightly North of Broad restaurant); Sticky Fingers; Allied Steel; Custom Car Stereo; The Ben Silver Corp.; Bauer International Inc.; Atlantic Electric Co. Inc.; and Trident Productions Inc.

The criteria for the TOP, or Trident Outstanding Performance awards, is based on business growth and how the business has made a positive impact on communities within the region.

To gauge the impact a company has made, the Chamber uses six criteria:

■ **Increase in employees:** Growth in number of new jobs in relationship to the type of business or eco-

nomc conditions.

■ **Increase in sales:** Revenue growth in relationship to the particular industry type or the local economy.

■ **Expansion:** Business development through the expansion of facilities.

■ **Diversification:** Business development through the expansion of a current product or service line.

■ **Innovation:** Business development through new technology, unique marketing technique or unique product or service.

■ **New markets:** Business development through such new markets as exporting or joint venturing.

Businesses with 50 or fewer employees are specifically targeted for nomination.

This specific group comprises about 90 percent of all chamber members.

All companies must have been in business for at least two years to be considered.

All businesses must also be chamber members in good standing.

The TOP award was established in 1992 through a partnership between Connecticut Mutual Life and the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce.

The program is administered by the Business Development Division and is directed by a TOP Committee.