

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-

nomie 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.