



Four Celebrate Over a Century of Business

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On August 12, 2005, four businesses from Muscatine received recognition for being vital members to the business community for over 100 years in Iowa. They are H J Heinz Company (1892); Wilson's Shoe Store (1854); Weber & Sons Button Company, Inc. (1904); and J B Mark & Sons Insurance (1896). Those eligible for recognition this year are businesses, which began operation on or before

1905. Former Iowa Governor Terry Branstad presented this award during ABI Day at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines.



Terry Branstad & Bob Howard (Weber & Sons Button Co.)



Terry Branstad & Tom Hendricks (HJ Heinz)



The Wilson Family (Wilson's Shoes)



Bill Mark (JB Mark & Sons Insurance)

The Century of Business in Iowa Program recognizes the contributions of Iowa's long-term businesses to the state's economic and social climate. The program is hosted by Iowa Association of Business & Industry (ABI). More than 350 Iowa businesses have been recognized as a Century Business

of Iowa since the program began. For a listing of the Century Businesses of Iowa, visit the ABI website www.iowacentury-business.com website.

"These century businesses annually contribute billions of dollars to our state's and country's economy, and employ thousands of people," said ABI interim president, John R. Gilliland. "Their stories are compelling, not only in their economic significance, but also in describing the innovation and tenacity that sustained them over the past hundred years. We take great pride in helping honor these Iowa Century businesses for their vision and long-term commitment to the prosperity of Iowa," he said.

Congratulations to these businesses that have been committed to our community! For those businesses who will qualify in 2006, get a head start for next year's awards! Contact our office with any questions about the nominations and I will be happy to help. Nomination forms are available online at the ABI website or you can also obtain a form by calling the Chamber at 563-263-8895.

Stanley Consultants Nominated for National Award

Stanley Consultants, nominated for a Corporate Stewardship Award, recently received notice the company is a finalist for the award in the small-mid-sized business category.

Each year, the United States Chamber of Commerce Center for Corporate Citizenship recognizes the achievements of extraordinary corporate citizenship in the United States and overseas where American businesses have an active presence. The awards showcase businesses, trade associations, and chambers of commerce that have demonstrated ethical leadership and corporate stewardship, made a difference in their communities, and contributed to the advancement of important economic and social goals.

These awards are presented to companies that exemplify the highest ideals of corporate stewardship through their values, strategies, and operational practices. For the Corporate Stewardship Awards, a select committee of eminent Americans, chaired by Harvard University professor Michael Porter, chooses the winner.

As a finalist, Stanley Consultants has been invited to the awards ceremony November 8 at the National Building Museum in Washington, DC at which time the winners will be announced. US Chamber President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue, Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez, and Harvard business Professor Michael Porter will present the awards.

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