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***Minnesota Business* magazine announces finalists for its 2016 Community Impact Awards**

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MINNEAPOLIS, December 9, 2015—*Minnesota Business* magazine is pleased to announce the finalists for its 2016 Community Impact Awards.

“An important legacy in Minnesota is that businesses have been at the forefront in building a strong and vigorous community,” says *Minnesota Business* Editor in Chief Steve LeBeau. “We are proud to encourage that tradition by honoring those in the private sector who excel at serving the public good.”

The nomination process consisted of a 3 month period where nominations were solicited and submitted through the *Minnesota Business* web portal. Once nominations closed, they were collected and distributed to an internal review team. Since *Minnesota Business* collects an average of 200 nominations for each of our signature events, the internal review team is responsible for narrowing down the nominations in each category to the top five. These top five are then submitted to an external judging panel, which consists of industry experts across all professional platforms. Judges for the 2016 Community Impact Awards are Jonathan Weinhagen, of SPACC, Julie Cohen, of Pollen, Ted Risdall, of Risdall, Ameer McDonald, of Jabber Logic, Beth Johnson, of Shechter Dokken Kanter and Tom Hayes, of Riley Hayes.

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To see the list of finalists, register to attend the celebration, and for more information about the 2016 Community Impact Awards, visit <http://www.minnesotabusiness.com/2016-community-impact-awards>.