

COMMON and IBM Deliver i5/OS Innovation Awards to Innovators

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Heartland Co-op from West Des Moines, Iowa




Specialty Pipe and Tube from Mineral Ridge, Ohio

Five organizations were recognized for their innovative use of System i solutions at the Fourth Annual COMMON / IBM i5/OS Innovation Awards during Opening Session of COMMON's 2008 Annual Meeting and Exposition in Nashville, Tennessee.

The COMMON / IBM i5/OS Innovation Awards recognize, showcase and share best practices in managing the IT environment and using System i solutions. Nominees were selected from three categories: Small and Midsized Innovation, Large Enterprise Innovation, and Education Excellence.

Separate judging committees for each category, each consisting of COMMON members and IBM content experts, ranked and scored each nomination based on established criteria.

The Small and Midsized Innovation Award was presented to two companies with fewer than 1,000 employees, the **Heartland Co-op from West Des Moines, Iowa**, and **Specialty Pipe and Tube from Mineral Ridge, Ohio**. The next award category was for Large Enterprise, and the winners were **Landstar Systems, Inc. from Jacksonville, FL** and **FedEx Corporate Services from Coraopolis, PA**. The final award for Educational Excellence went to the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** for their outstanding commitment to ongoing i5/OS education. Their efforts have promoted collaboration and innovation between the university and IBM on academic training.

Nominees were evaluated on how well their IT solution demonstrates business innovation, supports outstanding achievement, and highlights business value to the company and its end users. Award winners are considered to offer the best practices in the industry. Congratulations to all the winners! 



Landstar Systems, Inc. from Jacksonville, FL



FedEx Corporate Services from Coraopolis, PA

[Representatives from each of the winning companies are show above (posing with IBM's Mark Shearer and COMMON's Randy Dufault) except University of Nebraska-Lincoln, who were not available at photo time.]

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