

St. Croix EDC Honors Top Businesses at Banquet

St. Croix EDC honored BOH Electronics (North Hudson), K-Sun Corporation (Somerset), and Derrick Companies (New Richmond) at a banquet on February 19th at R&D Banquet Hall, New Richmond, Wisconsin.

The three companies were named the 2008 businesses of the year in January by the EDC. BOH was named the 'emerging' business of the year (in business for five or fewer years); K-Sun is the 'small' business of the year, and Derrick is the business of the year, 'large category'.



2008 Business of the Year winners (l to r) Bill Derrick, Jr., Derrick Companies; Ben Hanke, BOH Electronics; and Mike Kasun, K-Sun Corporation

The keynote speaker was Richard Leinenkugel, Wisconsin's Secretary of Commerce. Governor Jim Doyle appointed Leinenkugel to the cabinet post last fall. The Department of Commerce is the state's lead economic development agency. It provides development assistance in areas such as marketing, business and community finance, exporting, and small business advocacy.

Just over 150 people attended the 15th banquet awards banquet. The event was sponsored by First Bank of Baldwin, First National Community Bank, WESTconsin Credit Union, and Wisconsin Business Development Finance Corporation.