



TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Chamber Awards Pacific Welding Small Business
Member Of The Month

In 1976, Pacific Welding Supply opened its doors in Tacoma with two people. Sales that year were \$8,000. Sales in 1988 were \$3.1 million and they now employ 17 people.

Because of this tremendous employee and sales growth, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce awarded Pacific Welding Supply as Small Business Member of the Month at its Small Business Breakfast January 24.

Chamber Chairman-elect Kay Harlan presented the award to Pacific Welding President Paul Van Dyke and Vice President Mike Fox.

Businesses are nominated for the award by members of the local business community. Award winners are chosen by a Chamber selection committee based on the following criteria: staying power, employee and sales growth, financial stability, community contribution and innovativeness. Monthly winners are also eligible for the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Person of the Year award. (more)

Besides the striking employee and sales growth of Pacific Welding, the committee also noted the firm's innovativeness. In their business, it typically takes several days for service. Pacific Welding promises service within 24 hours. They are also the only business of its kind open Saturdays and they specialize in finding hard-to-get items.

Other nominees for January's award were: Jim Daulley - State Farm Insurance, Frank Russell - Professional Services Unlimited, and the J.R. Reding Company.

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