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Alaska Chamber names 2022 Premier Business Award winners

Winners of 'Bill Bivins Small Business of the Year,' 'Rita Sholton Large Business of the Year' and the 'William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan of the Year' Awards were awarded.

ANCHORAGE, AK — The Alaska Chamber recognized two Alaska businesses and one Alaskan in Wednesday's Premier Business Awards celebration for their outstanding service and dedication to the state.

"These awards go to the best and brightest in Alaska business," said Kati Capozzi, Alaska Chamber president and CEO. "Whether a company employs hundreds of Alaskans or just a handful of people, their collective efforts to keep Alaska's business community viable and growing are important. They deserve the recognition, and we are proud to honor them."

Bill Bivins Small Business of the Year Award (established in 1993)

-*Alaska Sleep Clinic*: KTUU's Vice President & General Manager, Nancy Johnson said in their nomination "Alaska Sleep Clinic consistently supports non-profits with cash donations and participation in events. Their emphasis on youth and youth events emphasizes their future focus."

Rita Sholton Large Business of the Year (established in 2018)

-*GCI*: Partner and architect at Spark Design, Deanna Nafzger said in their letter of support, "As a customer operating a small business, I have been so impressed with GCI's commitment to the local business community, in helping us stay connected and succeed in our respective industries."

William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan of the Year Award (established in 1964)

-*Tom Tougas*: "Even though Tom's home is Seward, and he has invested a great deal into the community there, his influence in Alaska's tourism economy is statewide, and his investment and commitment benefits our entire state in a multitude of ways," said Toy Tountree, President and principal Architect at Bettisworth North in a letter of support.

A list of all previous award categories and winners can be found at <https://www.alaskachamber.com/awards/>.

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**About the Alaska Chamber**

The Alaska Chamber is a non-profit founded in 1953 working to promote a positive business environment in Alaska. The Chamber is the voice of small and large business representing more than 700 businesses, manufacturers, and local chambers across Alaska. Our member companies employ more than 55,000 hard-working Alaskans. The Chamber advocates for a positive investment climate that provides certainty and stability for Alaska. More information about the organization is available at www.alaskachamber.com.

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