

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON SUNDIAL PLUMBING SERVICES



Lt. Governor Casey Cagle Presents Cobb's Mitzi Smith Excellence in Innovation Award

(Marietta, GA) – Lt. Governor Casey Cagle awarded Cobb's Mitzi Smith, owner of Sundial Plumbing Service, the Excellence in Innovation Award

for her ability to create jobs in the community, her entrepreneurial spirit, outstanding customer service and an innovative business structure.

"Mitzi is a great example of the difference that one innovative business leader can make in a community. Her strong commitment to her employees has meant Sundial Plumbing Service has kept its entire workforce during this economic downturn. More and more customers are attracted to her business because of the focus on excellent customer service and a streamlined process. It is an honor to recognize Mitzi for her hard work and dedication to business solutions, creating jobs for Georgians and her entrepreneurial spirit," said Lt. Governor Casey Cagle.

"It is an honor to have our hard work recognized today. This award is a true testament of the dedication of our entire team and speaks to the value each employee at Sundial Plumbing Service brings," said Mitzi Smith.

The Excellence in Innovation Award is given by the Lt. Governor to deserving individuals, companies, non-profits and organizations that are continually pioneering products, services and ways of doing things so as to create a better tomorrow for Georgia. The award was developed to recognize Georgia's men and women who have the courage to turn their ideas into cutting-edge solutions. Recipients will need to show their ability to create jobs in their community as well as their product's potential to move Georgia forward. Additionally, recipients will be asked about their community involvement, capital investments (if applicable), the challenges they faced when launching their product or service, and what need their innovation addresses in Georgia



Mitzi Smith, owner of Sundial Plumbing Services in Marietta, receives the 'Small Business of the Year' award from Cobb Chamber of Commerce president Rob Garcia.

Sundial Plumbing Services Awarded Cobb County Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Small Business of the Year

COBB COUNTY - Twenty-five local businesses were honored as finalists in the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Small Business of the Year competition, with Sundial Plumbing Services taking home the coveted award.

The award, in its 28th year, was given at the Chamber's monthly First Monday Breakfast at the Atlanta Marriott Northwest before 350 local business and government leaders.

With 61 employees, the Marietta-based plumbing company was founded in 1999 by the father-daughter team of Jack and Mitzi Smith. Sundial provides residential and commercial plumbing services, including repairs, remodels and new installation projects.

The company is certified by Green Plumbers, USA, a national training and accreditation program that focuses on environmental initiatives. The company often uses new, environmentally friendly plumbing techniques and products with its services, and encourages employees to become involved in the community outside of work. In 2009, the company donated 1,000 hours and tens of thousands of dollars in volunteerism and donations to local organizations.

Although the economic downturn has affected the company just like others businesses, Mitzi Smith said Sundial made a promise to its employees that no one would be laid off - a promise the company has kept.

"Thank you so much for believing in us. There will be lots of happy plumbers," Mitzi Smith said, after accepting the award for her company. "And thank you to my dad for believing in me and giving me a chance. It is hard to run a small business and have time to build strategy, so I'm honored."

The company is now eligible to compete in the state small business of the year competition.