

Elwood honored

Elwood Staffing Services, headquartered in Columbus, was recognized as a finalist for the Indiana Small Business of the Year Award by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards program Feb. 18.

Elwood, which has 37 offices in five states, was one of six small businesses honored.

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SMALL BUSINESS

AIT Laboratories named 'Small Business of the Year'

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has named Indianapolis-based health care research and testing firm **AIT Laboratories** its 2009 Small Business of the Year.

Founded 18 years ago, AIT has more than 200 employees, including 90 that it added last year. The company also doubled its national sales force and entered 17 new markets in 2008.

As a result, AIT Laboratories gave its employees nearly \$3 million in bonuses last year. It also offers them a wellness program; paid registration to community events; profit sharing; flexible work hours; up to \$5,000 in tuition reimbursement; free gym memberships; and staff picnics, barbecues and other outings.

The chamber selected AIT Laboratories out of a field of 50 candidates. The award is open to all Hoosier companies with 250 or fewer employees. Other Small Business of the Year finalists included Columbus-based **Elwood Staffing Services**; New Castle-based **Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service**; Merrillville-based **MonoSol**; Cloverdale-based **Scorpion Coatings**; and Anderson-based **Unified Group Services**.

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