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BBB's Excellence Awards Honor Galsons, Abrahams



Harjit and Seema Galhotra at the Incontinental Hotel last Wednesday, May 2 with the 2012 Better Business Bureau's Award of Distinction

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HOUSTON: The luncheon last Wednesday, May 2 at the Intercontinental Hotel on the West Loop had a record turnout of 900 people as the Better Business Bureau gave out its coveted 20th Annual Awards for Excellence to area businesses which are members of the organization.

Over 250 firms were finalists in this year's competition for the four to ten best businesses among each of 30 categories. The winner of each category received the Pinnacle Award, the BBB's highest honor while the others received a Distinction Award.

Among the Indo-American businesses which received Distinction Awards were Galson Auto & Body,

Abrahams Rugs and Lone Star Air Systems. Sam Abraham, who is also on the board of the BBB, accepted the award for his company while Darrell "Tilak" Singh (who is from the West Indies and runs the firm with his brother Clint) accepted for Lone Star.

Harjit Galhotra accepted for his firm Galson Auto & Body, which has won consistently for the past six years, having won the Pinnacle Award in 2005 and 2007. Galhotra, a former consulting engineer who segued into auto repair after losing his job in 1993, has won accolades for the way he runs his shop on 12900 Cypress N. Houston and managed to grow it into a well-respected business spread over three acres. He was accompanied at the luncheon by his family.

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