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Caterpillar, SRG and ERMCO win Existing Industry Awards

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2015 Small Industry of the Year is Caterpillar Inc. Pictured (l-r) is Stephen Crumley, CAT, Chamber Chairman Danny Watson, Steve Bullard, CAT, and Chamber President/CEO Allen Hester.



2015 Medium Industry of the Year is SRG Global. Pictured (l-r) is Chamber President/CEO Allen Hester, Chamber Chairman Danny Watson, and Hannah Stiebel, Marvin Werner, SRG Global.

The Annual Existing Industry Awards Cookout, presented by the Dyersburg/Dyer County Chamber of Commerce, was held on June 2 at the Lannom Center. Chamber Chairman Danny Watson led the program which honors local industry every year.

"Our annual awards for Existing industry are intended to bring positive attention to all the things that local industries do for the community," said Watson. "Aside from providing a lot of good jobs with health insurance and benefits for our citizens, these local industries devote thousands of volunteer hours every year to various worthwhile causes, and they give generously to local schools, charities, and non-profit organizations throughout Dyer County. It would be hard to measure just how much all this means to our community, but it is an enormous benefit for everyone out there who needs a helping hand."

The guest speakers for the night were Blake Swaggart, TNECD Northwest Tennessee regional jobs director, and Margaret Prater, director of Local Area 12 Workforce Development. They updated the plant managers and human resource managers on new legislation and new programs affecting industries in Tennessee.



2015 Large Industry of the Year is ERMCO. Pictured (l-r) is Chamber Chairman Danny Watson, Jerry Ray, ERMCO, and Chamber President/CEO Allen Hester.

Awards are given each year in three categories for small, medium and large companies. The companies are judged not only on their own growth and capital investment, but on how much they do to give back to the community through their civic and charitable work.

Corporate sponsors included First Citizens National Bank, NSK Steering Systems, Tyson Foods, Dyersburg Electric System, Forcum Lannom Contractors, Forcum Lannom Materials and Security Bank.