

ACI Receives Cincinnati Business Incubator (CBI) Emerge Award for 'Strategic Partner of the Year'

The Cincinnati Business Incubator (CBI) is a business incubator that provides business services, success strategies, networking and flexible facilities to emerging businesses in the Cincinnati USA area.

The 2nd Annual CBI Emerge Awards was held on Thursday, June 21st, 2007 at the Bankers Club. Emerge Awards are presented to those individuals, organizations or corporations that have demonstrated excellence in their support of the incubation services that were provided by CBI to emerging businesses over the past year. Emerge Awards were presented in following categories: **Outstanding Alumni, Outstanding Corporate Sponsor, Outstanding Economic Development, Outstanding Job Creation, Outstanding Strategic Partner** and **Outstanding Volunteer**.

Outstanding Strategic Partner- presented to the CBI strategic partner who demonstrated a measurable commitment of time, talent and energy towards the efforts of CBI to be widely recognized as a premier program fostering emerging businesses in the Greater Cincinnati area. Wayne Hicks, president of CBI, proudly presented this award to Allied Construction Industries (ACI) for their commitment and willingness to support and assist those CBI clients involved in the Commercial Construction Industry in Greater Cincinnati. He also recognized that five of those clients were accepted into the 2006-2007 year of the Cincinnati Technical Support Center program (CCTSC) with four of those five completing the entire 9 month program.

The Cincinnati Technical Support Center program is a diversity program facilitated by Allied Construction Industries (ACI) in partnership with Proctor & Gamble and Cincinnati Public Schools. This program educates emerging businesses in the Commercial Construction Industry on business management skills as well as provides the participants opportunities for networking and growth. The CCTSC program was implemented to increase the pool of qualified MBE/WBE contractors and suppliers in the Greater Cincinnati area. The program has just completed its third year and will begin recruiting new participants this summer for the 07-08 program year.

For more information on the CCTSC Diversity Program, contact ACI at 513-221-8020.