



# 2009 TOP 50 TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS

**Submission Deadline:** Thursday, July 24, 2008

START-IT is looking for the Top 50 technologies in the manufacturing industry. Do you think your product has what it takes to make this list? If so, then please fill out this ballot and submit.

### STEP 1: BASIC INFORMATION

Company Name (for print): \_\_\_\_\_

Product Name (for print): \_\_\_\_\_

The Year the Company Was Founded: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City (for print): \_\_\_\_\_

State (for print): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address (for print): \_\_\_\_\_

#### For application purposes only:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 2: REQUIREMENTS

**Please describe your product.**

- What is the name of your product?
- What function does it perform?  
(e.g. ERP, CRM, supply chain)
- What are some noteworthy features that make this product standout?
- Which companies do you consider to be your chief competition?
- How is your product different from these competing products?

**For Step 2, the entire response should be 150 words.**

### STEP 3: MATERIALS

START-IT magazine will publicize the winners of the Top 50 Technologies Awards. When submitting your entry, please send the following high-resolution graphic materials to: [mmayer@start-itmag.com](mailto:mmayer@start-itmag.com).

- High-resolution company logo
  - 300 dpi, EPS, TIF, or JPG format (vector EPS preferred)
- High-resolution photo or product shot that illustrates the submitted product
  - 300 dpi, JPG, TIF, or EPS format (3x3 inches or larger)

### STEP 5: APPLYING COMPANY APPROVAL

Please review the following steps and initial the lines provided to ensure your entry has been completed in its entirety.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included payment information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A representative from the applying company has approved the ballot.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included with the entry the applying company's logo in compliance to the specifications given.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(I agree and accept the above statements)

### STEP 6: PAYMENT OPTIONS

The entry fee for each company's primary entry is \$150. If a company is submitting more than one entry, the entry fee for each subsequent entry is \$75.

Please fill out the information regarding the method of payment your company would prefer to use, on the next page.



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### STEP 6: PAYMENT OPTIONS (CONT'D)

All checks should be made payable to:  
Specialty Publishing Co.

Check Enclosed  Visa  Mastercard  AMEX

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 7: NOTIFICATION

Others within your organization who should be contacted if you achieve finalist status or are selected as a winner (CEO, COO, PR Department, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### STEP 8: SUBMIT NOMINATION

Entries can be submitted via mail or email. If submitted via mail, all nominations must be received, in full, by the deadline.

All nominations must include at least two signatures. The first must be from the cardholder of the credit card used for payment in Step 6. The second signature **MUST BE FROM THE APPLYING COMPANY**, found in Step 5.

### STEP 8: SUBMIT NOMINATION (CONT'D)

A representative of the applying company must approve this ballot and all of the requirements of submission for the Top 50 Technologies Awards.

Entries that do not contain the required signatures will not be accepted. Because of this requirement, the ballot pages, with **only** the appropriate signatures, may be faxed to 630.933.0845.

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Carol Stream, IL 60188  
Email: [mmayer@start-itmag.com](mailto:mmayer@start-itmag.com)

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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Call Michelle Mayer at 630-933-0844 ext. 246

**The ballot pages with the appropriate signatures must be included for the entry to be accepted. If the signatures are not provided and the entry is not completed in full, the entry will not be submitted for judging.**

Applications require the signature of at least one of the participating company's principals. Judging is conducted by the editors of START-IT magazine. Information submitted becomes the sole property of START-IT magazine. The 2009 Top 50 Technologies Awards will be announced by START-IT.