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COSE recognizes businesses

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The Council of Smaller Enterprises, the small business arm of the Greater Cleveland Partnership, honored 10 Northeast Ohio companies, ranging from a garden designer to an executive placement company, for what it called outstanding achievement.

To qualify for the award, each company had to have 10 or fewer employees, have been operating for one year or longer and be a COSE member. Other criteria COSE set out included innovation, growth, value to the community and diversity promotion.

“We believe those smaller companies are the unsung heroes of jobs creation and economic development,” said Jeanne Coughlin, COSE’s chairman.

The award-winning companies are:

- * **designRoom Creative**, a six-employee graphic design company in Cleveland.
- * **North Coast Education Services**, a seven-employee Chagrin Falls tutoring and corporate training company.
- * **Process Creative Studios Inc.**, a Cleveland architecture and design firm with five employees.
- * **Howard & O’Brien**, a five-employee Shaker Heights executive placement company.
- * **Salsbury-Schweyer Inc.**, a four-employee Akron company that designs and builds gardens.
- * **Gateway Title Agency**, a 10-employee title insurer in Brecksville that specializes in customers who sell their own homes.
- * **T.M. Westover Architects and Associates**, an Akron architecture company with eight employees.
- * **GTS Communications**, a nine-employee Cleveland telephone and computer networking company.
- * **The Chelko Consulting Group**, a five-employee Westlake company that helps companies lower their health care costs.
- * **BrownFlynn Communications**, a Highland Heights public relations company with eight employees.

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