

## Biz Buzz: Eight groups, firms to get awards

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Eight Iowa businesses or organizations will receive performance awards from Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence. The awards are a state version of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards.

Winners have all "completed a strenuous review and evaluation of their leadership, strategic planning, customer focus" and other criteria, according to a statement announcing the award.

The eight groups will be recognized at a Feb. 22 celebration at the Hy-Vee Conference Center in West Des Moines. The groups are: John Deere Credit in Johnston, the Hon Co.'s Oak Steel Plant in Muscatine, Facilities Planning and Management at Iowa State University in Ames, Great River Medical Center in West Burlington, St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Community School District, Eaton Corp. in Shenandoah and Hearth & Home Technologies in Mount Pleasant.

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