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Angus Meats named winner of AGORA Award for small business

Spokane, Wash. – Angus Meats, a Spokane-based meat and food processing company, was recognized with the prestigious 2007 AGORA Award, presented by the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce earlier this month.

Winners were selected by an independent team of business and community judges, based on company growth, marketing strategies, employee environment, response to adversity, customer service, community service and contribution to local economic development and job creation.

Angus Meats was recognized as a winner in the Small Business Category, one of seven 2007 winners in various categories selected from among dozens of competing businesses throughout Greater Spokane during a four-month long evaluation process.

“We are truly honored to be chosen as the recipient of such a high-profile award,” said Leslie Stachecki, Angus Meats controller and marketing director. “We’ve spent our lives building this business with a focus on quality products, a safe and rewarding environment for all our employees and a passion for giving customers a level of service that is the best it can be. It’s gratifying to be recognized for all that, and a tribute to the people associated with our company.”

Stachecki noted that just qualifying as a finalist AGORA Award required lengthy interviews, an on-site visit by the judges and extensive documentation on every aspect of the business.

“It was an exhaustive process, but ultimately, one that was very gratifying,” added Tom Stachecki, president. “The award reflects a lot of hard work and dedication by a lot of people over the years, and I’m proud to share the spotlight with all of our staff and managers.”

About Angus Meats

Spokane-based Angus Meats is a family-owned, innovative provider of premium meats and prepared foods to high-end restaurateurs, foodservice operators and selected retail outlets. Founded in 1972, Angus Meats has built its business on exacting quality, unsurpassed service and the creation and marketing of full-flavored, great-tasting food products, such as its new “Meals for Two” line of gourmet meal components now available at retail and online. For more information, visit www.angusmeats.com.

About the AGORA Awards

Now in its 22nd year, the AGORA Awards are named after the “Agora,” the marketplace and center of business activity in ancient Athens. The program recognizes community businesses and non-profits that exemplify outstanding leadership and best business practices to support a strong local economy and enhanced quality of life.

About the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce

With more than 1,400 business members employing more than 100,000 residents, the chamber’s mission is to help the regional business community to succeed economically by providing support for public policy, business growth, small business solutions, civic leadership and regional marketing efforts. For more information, log onto www.spokanechamber.org.

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