



# DREAM BIG AWARD

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce knows firsthand that small businesses are the backbone of American free enterprise, representing more than 99% of all employers and creating 66% of all new jobs. We are proud to provide special recognition to the small business community by hosting the Small Business of the Year Awards program, sponsored by Sam's Club®.

## The Award

The DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Award, sponsored by Sam's Club®, celebrates the success of small business and honors its contributions to America's economic growth. This is a chance to **win a \$10,000 cash prize** and gain national recognition for your business! The winner, 7 regional finalists, and 100 Blue Ribbon winners will be acknowledged on June 12 during America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C.

## Eligibility Requirements

Members and nonmembers of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are invited to participate in the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Awards program. Small businesses must meet the following requirements to participate in the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Awards program:

- Fewer than 250 employees
- Gross revenues of less than \$20 million in 2011 and 2012

The winner of the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Award must also be able to attend America's Small Business Summit 2014, June 10-13, in Washington, DC.

## Award Criteria

Eligible applicants for the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Award will be judged on the following:

- Staff training and motivation
- Community involvement
- Customer service
- Business strategies and goals

*It is all about learning to dance in the rain!*