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Firms in Chesterton and Valparaiso were among 19 Indiana businesses to win recognition for entrepreneurship.

The Economic Development Through Entrepreneurship awards were presented by Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman to Lakeside Wealth Management in Chesterton and Success Trek in Valparaiso, among others.

The awards recognize Hoosier companies that continue to grow and create new jobs, even in a recession, Skillman said.

Recipients of the inaugural award collectively employ 185 in Indiana and in total finished 2008 with more than \$750,000 in increased sales.

The awards were sponsored by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation's Small Business Development Centers and recognize clients of the agency's 10 regional small business development centers.

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