

# Big Island wins big at 2012 SmallBiz Success Awards

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Hawaii Island was well represented at the recent 2012 Hawaii Business magazine SmallBiz Success Awards. The Big Isle was the sole neighbor island boasting award finalists.

From left:  
Matt  
Hamabata  
and Roberta  
Chu of The  
Kohala  
Center; Lt.  
Gov. Brian  
Schatz;  
Barbara  
Garcia of Ke  
Ola magazine  
and Rep.  
Cindy Evans.  
(Photo  
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The Kohala Center was tapped for Best Small Non-Profit and the statewide Martin & MacArthur earned a Lifetime Achievement award.

Ke Ola magazine was chosen as one of three finalists for Best New Business while Kona Red was one of three finalists for Best New Innovation.

There were more than 100 statewide nominations in six categories: new business, community service, family owned, innovation, export-oriented and lifetime achievement. Winners were chosen by a panel of 10 judges representing a variety of business sectors.

West Hawaii Rep. Cindy Evans was present for the festivities along with Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz.

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