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## Small-business award goes to computer company

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HOUMA -- A computer-technology and networking-consulting company was recognized for its commitment to customer service and contribution to the community with the Small Business of the Year Award, an award presented during a Wednesday night ceremony.



Jason Bergeron and David Landry, owners of Technology Professionals, accept the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Award Wednesday during the chamber's annual banquet at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

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The honor goes annually to a small business, one with 25 or fewer employees, in Terrebonne Parish in recognition for leadership and service in the community as well as company growth and customer service.

Technology Professionals received the award during the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and installation of officers, a ceremony held Wednesday at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center.

Locals Jason Bergeron and David Landry created the business in 2002. The duo met while working for information technology companies and, unimpressed with the customer service they saw in the industry, sought to rectify what they saw as a mistake by forming their own business.

It started as a side job, the two said, and grew into a full-time career, a LaCarpe Circle based company that they describe as providing the services of a large firm with the personal touch of a small community based organization.

"We understand how hard technology can be for people to understand," Bergeron said.

"What a tremendous honor," Landry said of the chamber's recognition. "It culminates five years of hard work, perseverance, a dream and a vision."

The company, which began opened its doors in 2002, has four employees and currently serves companies from Houston to Mobile, Ala.

"This is awesome. This is amazing. I can barely put into words how it feels to receive this award," Bergeron said. "We love being part of the community and being able to give back."

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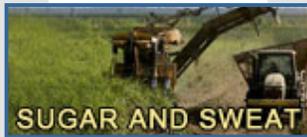
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The two partners are active participants in charitable organizations such as the Terrebonne Rotary Club, Alzheimer's Association, Southdown Plantation, YMCA, Boy Scouts and the South Central Industrial Association.

Both are Leadership Terrebonne graduates, as well, and are active members in the chamber, serving on the Economic Development Committee.

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