

iMan receives Innovation Award

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FORT WAYNE — Indiana Metropolitan Area Network, based in Angola, received one of seven winners in the Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly's fifth-annual Innovation Awards competition.

In Angola there are connections to the iMAN fiber network to city of Angola facilities, Cameron Memorial Community Hospital and other medical care providers and the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County. Steuben County government is in the process of getting on to the network.

The goal of iMAN is to provide reliable, affordable and secure fiber optic cable service.

IMAN received an Innovation Award for technology.

Other winners include: Health care — OrthoPediatrics Corp., Warsaw; manufacturing and distribution — Whitley Steel Products & Fabrication Inc., Larwill; professional services — Summer's Sky LLC, Fort Wayne; real estate, construction and design — Pathfinder Services and Pathfinder Community Connections, Huntington; retail — The Green ABC's, Fort Wayne; and emerging company: Honor Education LLC, Fort Wayne.

Representatives from Innovation Awards sponsoring companies — BKD LLP, Physicians Health Plan of Northeast Indiana Inc., Lake City Bank, NAI Harding Dahm, Sperry Van Ness Parke Group and the Northeast Indiana Innovation Center — selected the category winners after Business Weekly received more than 50 applications.

The businesses next will present their innovative products and ideas to a panel of judges. After hearing the presentations, the judges will decide which company is Business Weekly's Innovator of the Year. The Innovator of the Year and Innovation Awards category winners will be recognized at an event Nov. 11 at Sweetwater Sound in Fort Wayne.