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**New “Ted Doan Spirit of Innovation Award” Created;
Nominations Accepted through May 7**

Mid-Michigan (April 26, 2010) – **This year’s MidMichigan Innovators: Heading for the Big Leagues event on May 27 will be awarding a special new recognition, the “Ted Doan Spirit of Innovation Award.” Nominations for this newly created honor must be submitted by Friday, May 7, 2010 using the form available on the MidMichigan Innovation Center’s Web site.**

The *Ted Doan Spirit of Innovation Award* was created to honor and showcase outstanding innovators in the MidMichigan Region. It will be given annually to one individual who stands out as an example of successful innovation and entrepreneurship. Nominations for this year are being accepted from now through Friday, May 7, by using a brief “Nomination Application” located on a special landing page on the MidMichigan Innovation Center Web site at <http://tinyurl.com/mmicbigleagues> or by calling the MidMichigan Innovation Center at (989) 839-2333.

The award is named after Herbert D. “Ted” Doan, the former President & CEO of The Dow Chemical Company, a thought-leader in Michigan’s venture capital industry, and one of the visionary founders of the MidMichigan Innovation Center.

To win the award a person must be the best example of innovation and entrepreneurship in the MidMichigan Region for that year. They would have to have the following qualities that were exemplified by Ted Doan: Vision, Integrity, Character, and Generosity.

“Ted would have been gratified that there are entrepreneurs to consider for this award! It means his vision and efforts for the company development and job creation in mid-Michigan carries forward,” said Junia Doan of the award and the legacy being created. She will be attending the “Heading for the Big Leagues” event on May 27 to present the award, along with keynote speaker Dwight Carlson, Chair and CEO of Coherix, Inc.

For information on the “Ted Doan Spirit of Innovation Award,” nominations, or tickets and exhibits for the event, go to <http://tinyurl.com/mmicbigleagues> or call the MidMichigan Innovation Center at (989) 839-2333.

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