2004 Best in Business Winners

Best in Business winners for overall excellence, by category and listed in alphabetical order are:

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| GIANT Newspapers (average daily circulation 375,001 and above) |
| Star Tribune (Minneapolis, Minn.) |
| Newsday (Long Island, N.Y.) |
| USA Today |
| Certificate of Merit: Star-Ledger (Newark, N.J.) and |
| San Francisco Chronicle |
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| LARGE Newspapers (circulation between 250,001 and 375,000) |
| Detroit Free Press |
| Star-Telegram  (Fort Worth) |
| San Jose Mercury News |
| Certificates of Merit: The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the |
| Kansas City Star |
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| MEDIUM Newspapers (circulation between 125,001 and 250,000) |
| The Charlotte Observer |
| Hartford Courant |
| News & Observer (Raleigh, N.C.) |
| The Record (Hackensack, N.J.) |
| Pioneer Press (St. Paul, Minn.) |
| Certificate of Merit: Akron Beacon Journal |
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| SMALL Newspapers (circulation 125,000 and below) |
| The Oakland Tribune (California) |
| The Press Democrat (Santa Rosa, Ca.) |
| The State (Columbia, S.C.) |
| The Times (Northwest Indiana) |
| Certificates of Merit: Arizona Daily Star (Tucson, Ariz.) and |
| Florida Today (Melbourne) |
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| WEEKLY Business Newspapers |
| Business Courier (Cincinnati) |
| Crain's Chicago Business |
| Los Angeles Business Journal |
| Philadelphia Business Journal |
| Puget Sound Business Journal |
| Certificate of Merit: The Business Journal Serving Greater Milwaukee |
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Best in Business winners for Breaking News coverage, by category and listed in alphabetical order:

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| GIANT Newspapers |
| Chicago Tribune for Sears/Kmart deal |
| Houston Chronicle for the indictment of former Enron Chairman Ken Lay |
| The Washington Post for Fannie Mae coverage |
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| LARGE Newspapers |
| The Sun (Baltimore): "End of the Line: GM to close plant" |
| Plain Dealer (Cleveland): "A steel giant is born" |
| Rocky Mountain News: "New beer buddies" |
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| MEDIUM Newspapers |
| The Charlotte Observer: USAirways bankruptcy |
| Honolulu Advertiser: Aloha Airlines bankruptcy |
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| SMALL Newspapers |
| The Intelligencer (Philadelphia suburbs): |
| "Practices of DVI 'highly' suspect" |
| The Times (Northwest Indiana): "Steel: Two left along the lake" |
| Worcester Telegram & Gazette: "St. Vincent Hospital for sale" |
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| WEEKLY Newspapers |
| Business Journal of Kansas City: Sprint-Nextel merger |
| Charlotte Business Journal: Bank of America naming rights for NFL stadium |
| Orlando Business Journal: Hurricane Charley's destruction |
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| REAL-TIME News Organizations |
| Bloomberg News: Merck's decision to pull Vioxx. |
| Dow Jones Newswires: Kmart-Sears deal |
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Best in Business winners for Enterprise, by category and listed in alphabetical order:

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| GIANT Newspapers |
| The Denver Post: "The High Cost of Gold" by Michael Riley and |
| Greg Griffin |
| The Wall Street Journal: "Embassy Row" by Glenn R. Simpson |
| The Washington Post: "D.C. Slow to Reduce its Ranks of Jobless" |
| by Neil Irwin |
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| LARGE Newspapers |
| The Detroit News: "Driven Abroad" by Ron French |
| Milwaukee Journal Sentinel:  "Displace Pelton workers forge new lives" |
| by Rick Romell and Joel Dresang |
| The Times-Picayune (New Orleans): "A family's quest for answers," |
| by Stewart Yerton |
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| MEDIUM Newspapers |
| Omaha World-Herald: Wheel of Fraud" by Steve Jordan |
| South Florida Sun-Sentinel: "Pirates Still Prey on Small Firms" |
| by Doreen Hemlock |
| The Tampa Tribune: "A Formula for Disaster" by Baird Helgeson and |
| Doug Stanley |
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| SMALL Newspapers |
| Mobile (Alabama) Register: "The Condo Game" by Ryan Dezember |
| The Roanoke (Virginia) Times: "Facing the Ax" by Lois Caliri |
| York (Pennsylvania) Daily Record: "Shopping Around" by Sharon Smith |
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| WEEKLY Newspapers |
| Atlanta Business Chronicle: |
| "A $19 Million Problem for Georgia Tech's Biz School" |
| by Mary Jane Credeur |
| Crain's Chicago Business: "Why Can't Wrigley Make No-Stick Gum" |
| by Julie Jargon |
| Crain's Chicago Business, "Money left on table" by Steve Daniels |
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| REAL-TIME News Organizations |
| Associated Press: "The First Whistleblower" by Adam Geller |
| Bankrate.com: "Home ownership and Bush's second term" by Holden Lewis. |
| TheStreet.com: "Weighing Biovail's Claims" by Adam Feuerstein |
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Best in Business winners for Special Projects, by category and listed in alphabetical order:

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| GIANT Newspapers |
| The Boston Globe: "Closed for Business: Deals but No Debate in Congress" |
| USA Today: "Internet Security" |
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| LARGE Newspapers |
| The Detroit News: "Danger Overhead" |
| Star-Telegram (FortWorth): "Regulation of Refineries" |
| Milwaukee Journal Sentinel: "Dream Derailed" |
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| MEDIUM Newspapers |
| Akron Beacon Journal, "Life and Debt" |
| The Courier-Journal (Louisville, KY): "J.D. Byrider" |
| The Commercial Appeal (Memphis, Tenn): "A future foreclosed" |
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| SMALL Newspapers |
| Anchorage (Alaska) Daily News: "Alaska Attorney General Under Fire" |
| Wisconsin State Journal (Madison): "Threat From Brazil" |
| Portland Press Herald (Portland, Maine): "Smuggling a deadly virus" |
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| WEEKLY Newspapers |
| Business Courier (Cincinnati): "Wal-Mart is Coming: Should You Be Happy?" |
| Puget Sound Business Journal: "Nonprofit Payoff" |
| San Francisco Business Times: "Business Crack the Code" |
| Certificate of Merit: San Francisco Business Times: "The Terror Economy" |
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| REAL-TIME News Organizations |
| Bloomberg News: "Bowling for Palestine" |
| Bloomberg News: "Investment Conflict on Wall Street" |
| CNET News: "Breaking Digital Deadlock" |
| Certificate of Merit: CNBC on MSN Money: "Bankruptcy Boom" and CNBC on |
| MSN Money: "Basics Credit Series" |
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| STUDENT CONTEST |
| Daily Tar Heel, University of North Carolina: |
| "Rising Tensions lead CIO to resign" by John Frank and Emily Steel |
| Baruch College: "First Down in Midtown" by Rosa Caballero and |
| Karah Woodward |
| Daily Herald (Arlington, Illinois): |
| "Learning curve, Exchange traders give up jobs to go back to school" |
| by Hilary Potkewitz |