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W. P. Hickman - 2009 North Carolina Small Business of the Year Runner-Up

(Asheville, NC) – The W. P. Hickman Company has been selected as Runner-Up in *Business North Carolina* magazine's 2009 Small Business of the Year competition. The W. P. Hickman Company was chosen to be one of four finalists from a group of over 150 companies which were nominated for the honor.

The competition, sponsored annually by the magazine *Business North Carolina* and BB&T Corp., was judged by Gail McDonald, N.C. Department of Commerce small-business ombudsman, Peter Mitchell, president of last year's winning company, and Ben Kinney, the magazine's publisher. The award was presented to W.P.Hickman on Wednesday December 9th at an event keynoted by North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco.

"We are highly honored to be identified as one of the top small businesses in North Carolina – there are many fine companies in our State," commented Scott Hickman, CEO of W.P.Hickman. "To receive this award in the midst of the current economic conditions is a real tribute to the quality of our employees and the work they do."

The W.P. Hickman Company is a family owned business with over 60 years of experience in the metal roof edging industry. Hickman products offer superior protection against wind and water infiltration and are backed by one of the best warranties in the business. W.P. Hickman, "The Leading Edge Since 1945." For more information on W.P. Hickman or any of its products visit its website at www.wph.com or call 1.800.892.9173.

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