

Tampa Bay Inno Awards celebrate the ingenuity of growth stage businesses (Photos)



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Thirty Tampa Bay tech and innovation companies and organizations - many with world-changing, problem-solving ideas - were honored Thursday by an energetic crowd at the Hotel Flor in Tampa.

Nearly 200 people attended the annual Tampa Bay Inno Awards. There, they networked, enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, and accepted awards for their hard work and business development throughout the Tampa Bay region. Honorees were recognized in 12 categories, from supporters to B2B, to B2C and even B2G (business-to-government)

Honorees represented the emerging talent, innovation, and disruptive strategies in Tampa Bay's tech ecosystem.

In evaluating the honorees, an internal judging team looked at nominees with banner years, people and companies with new funding, those with recent product launches, or those that articulated innovative approaches to solving problems.

Among the honorees are creative leaders who bring unconventional perspectives, growth-stage businesses, enterprises and innovators who work above and beyond to set the ecosystem apart.

The "Inno Pick" honoree, Lakshmi Shenoy, outgoing CEO at Embarc Collective, was honored for her lasting imprint in the Tampa Bay tech ecosystem.

View the gallery above for scenes from the event.