

Kansas honors Shawnee business

A Shawnee company has won a statewide business award for international trade.

Bio-Microbics was named the 2011 Kansas Exporter of the Year by Gov. Sam Brownback. It was recognized for its international marketing efforts.

This was the third year Bio-Microbics was a finalist for the award and the first time it took the top prize. The company manufactures water treatment systems that can help people reuse their own water to decrease water dependency. Its products are distributed to more than 60 countries, including Kenya, Panama and Afghanistan.

Other nominees for the award were Bunting Magnetics in Newton, ICE Corp. in Manhattan, and KASA Controls and Premier Pneumatics, both based in Salina. The five finalists were chosen by the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas International Trade Coordinating Council.

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