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MJM Electric Named 2009 Small Business Of The Year

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For years, Mark Mazur has wanted to be in business for himself. The opportunity came a few years ago. With some solid business practices and hard work the company – MJM Electric has been honored and recognized. On September 25th, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce awarded MJM Electric the honor of being its 2009 Small Business of the Year in the 51-250 Employees category.

“It was like winning an Academy Award,” Mazur said. “It was great when they called our name, and it was really great that our staff and my family were there to see it.”

The process by which Mazur and MJM Electric received the award took a lot of work, he said.

“It was about a four-month process,” Mazur explained. “After you get nominated, you have to fill out a very extensive application based on a template created by the Chamber. It consisted of twelve required pages and multiple optional inserts.”

The judges go through the narrative applications – this year, they scrutinized about 80 of them – and based on what’s in them, narrow the companies down to 10 semi-finalists.

“Then you go for a one-on-one interview with the judges,” Mazur said. “From there, they cut it down to five finalists. The judges come and make a site visit. This was the opportunity for it to our show, because everything up until then is based upon the Chamber’s template. This was the part I knew we

would excel at. I very much enjoy giving tours of our facility.” I am very proud of our people and our facility, and love to show them off.

At this point, there’s also a full financial review. In the past, at least one winner went bankrupt the year after receiving the award, so now the Chamber wants to know that the Small Business of the Year award are given to companies that are financially sound. Businesses are judged on factors such as history and philosophy, management practices, employee retention, community services and involvement, innovativeness and financial stability.

While the company has been known as MJM Electric since 2006, Mazur, along with 90% of the existing staff has been at the same location for over twenty years. When the firm was known as Ken Robinson of Florida, Mark was General Manager. Then, when it became White Electrical, Mark was the Branch Manager. Only the ownership has changed. Besides being the owner and president of MJM Electric, Mazur has been PowerNet Credit Union’s Chairman of the Board for ten years. Along with serving as an active volunteer at PowerNet for more than 25 years, the last 16 of which have been on the Board of Directors, Mazur has been active in many civic and charitable organizations. He has been the President of the West Coast Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association for more than 5 years and has served many positions in the local electrical industry. MJM Electric has been involved in many local charities including Metropolitan Ministries, Disabled Veterans, Habitat for Humanity, and Missionary Ventures

International. MJM Electric also supports multiple youth athletic teams throughout the Bay area.

The inscription on the Chamber’s award pays honor to MJM’s many contributions to the Tampa Bay Community. It reads: “MJM Electric, Inc. is a family owned and operated electrical contracting company. The company has historically been an industrial contractor, but also has a very talented service department known for its quick response times. MJM recognizes the importance of protecting its people. Its corporate philosophy identifies safety and quality as the company’s first priorities.”

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