

Celebrating 20 Years at the Annual Networking and Awards Event



Thursday, October 23, 2025 | Vitria on the Square | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
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Call for Nominations

ACG Columbus 2025 Annual Networking and Awards Event will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at Vitria on the Square. At this event, ACG Columbus will celebrate its 20th Anniversary while recognizing companies and service providers that have made significant contributions to the Central Ohio economy and community through innovation and excellence in mergers, acquisitions, and corporate finance transactions.

ACG honors and acknowledges the deals and deal makers as well as the accountants, bankers, lawyers, private equity firms, and other stakeholders who initiate, structure, and negotiate deals for growing organizations.

ACG Columbus is now seeking nominations for the following award categories:

Deal of the Year Awards

These awards will recognize companies and service providers involved in transactions during 2024 and the first half of 2025 including mergers, acquisitions, significant capital restructurings, and ESOP formations. Primary considerations will include interesting or unique aspects of the transaction, the impact of the transaction on Ohio (including job growth and retention), and the impact of the transaction on the industry, and deals will also be evaluated on the complexity, challenges, and benefits of the transaction, as well as any unique attributes. Middle-market M&A transactions of all sizes will be considered.

Innovation Award

This award recognizes innovation in the middle market by a company or service provider that has a new or expanded offering that represents a notable innovation within its industry or organization.

How to Apply: Organizations and individuals interested in applying should complete a nomination form in the relevant category.

Who Should Apply/Nomination Criteria:

Organizations and individuals in middle-market business with \$10 million to \$1 billion of revenue and headquartered or doing business in Central Ohio. Investors, advisers, and other partners are encouraged to submit nominations, and self-nominations are encouraged. The strongest nominations are prepared collaboratively with key advisors and senior management working in concert to complete the nomination form with as much detail as possible as to what makes the particular transaction truly stand out. All details on the nomination form will be verified with the company before judging.

Benefits:

Benefits received by honorees include the following:

- Complimentary registration for honorees to Annual Awards Event
- Complimentary 1-Year Corporate Sponsorship to ACG Columbus
- Recognition in The Dispatch, at the Awards Event, and in ACG Columbus materials
- Heightened profile within the local, regional, and national private equity industry
- Acknowledgment within the business community for achievement in driving growth
- Team building and employee retention with a celebration of achievements

About ACG:

Founded in 1954, the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) is the premier M&A dealmaking community with 61 chapters worldwide. ACG's mission is to drive middle-market growth. ACG's global network comprises more than 100,000 middle-market professionals who invest, own and advise growing companies.

ACG Columbus promotes the growth and development of Columbus-area businesses to benefit our communities and Ohio. Our programming and networking events are designed to share best business practices, build valuable relationships that will generate quality growth opportunities, gain exposure to investment opportunities, and promote the growth of Columbus area companies through organic growth and transactions such as mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. To request more information on ACG Columbus's events, membership, or sponsorship information, please contact acgcolumbus@acg.org or visit www.acg.org/columbus

NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be submitted to acgcolumbus@acg.org no later than 5 pm on Friday, August 22, 2025.

By submitting this nomination form, the nominator acknowledges and agrees that any information submitted is publicly available or disclosure has been authorized by all applicable parties and that ACG Columbus, Inc. is under no duty to treat any information contained in this nomination as confidential. Any nominee selected as a winner must commit to having a representative present to accept the award at the presentation on October 23, 2025, and participate in a video interview.

Nominations should convey interesting aspects of the transaction; the impact of the transaction Ohio on (including job growth and retention); the impact of the transaction on the industry; the complexity, challenges, and benefits of the transaction; and any other unique attributes. Please provide the judges with as much information as the nominee is comfortable disclosing, the more detail, the better. Additional pages are encouraged.

Nominee Information:

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Email: _____

Revenue Range: ___ \$10 to \$50 Million ___ \$50 to \$100 Million ___ \$100 to \$500 Million ___ \$500 Million to \$1 Billion

Number of Employees: ___ Less than 10 ___ 10 to 50 ___ 50 to 100 ___ 100 to 500 ___ Over 500

Nominator Information:

Name: _____ Company: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Email: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Award Category: ___ Deal of the Year ___ Innovation Award

Business Description: What does the organization do? How does it deliver products or services? Who are the customers/clients? What is the organization's value proposition? Provide the "elevator pitch" for the business.

NOMINATION FORM *(continued)*

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Please explain why this company/transaction is being nominated. (Deal of the Year) Include the date and key details of any applicable merger/acquisition/divestiture/JV/financing transaction. (Innovation Award) Discuss a new or expanded offering representing a notable innovation within an industry or organization.

Impact Statement: What has been the impact of the company/organization or transaction on the region (including job growth/retention) and industry sector?

List any service providers/other companies involved in the transaction or servicing the company/innovation:

Key Dates:

June 2025	Award Nominations Open
August 22, 2025	Award Nomination Deadline (acceptance closes at 5:00 pm ET)
September 2025	Nominations are reviewed by panel of industry leaders and finalists are selected
September 2025	Interviews are conducted
October 23, 2025	Winners are recognized at the 2025 ACG Columbus Annual Networking and Awards Event