



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CQIA SETS RECORD

The 2002 flurry of applications has settled. The 15-year-old Connecticut Quality Improvement Award Partnership, Inc. received 110 entry level CQIA Innovation Prize applications from 60 organizations in 36 cities and towns across the state.

This is our third highest number of applications since sponsoring the CQIA Innovation Prize in 1995. Of those 60 organizations from manufacturing, service, healthcare, education, government and other not-for-profits, 36 are new or first time applicants.

With no limit to the number of applications for any organization and no limit on the number of CQIA Innovation Prizes presented each year, this award is meant to stimulate interest in organizations to implement quality while fostering recognition of innovative improvements.

Thanks to your in-depth research, clear reporting and the recognition of the importance of innovation to the Connecticut business community, we were able to secure no less than one quarter of the new organizations from reading *CT Business Magazine* from March 2001 to March 2002.

CQIA Partnership appreciates the value of teaming with *CT Business Magazine* on our mutual journey toward the exceptional achievement of a Connecticut organization becoming "The First Baldrige Winner from Connecticut by the Year 2005."

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