

# *2008 EBJ Business Achievement Awards*

## ABOUT THE EBJ BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

In October-December of 2008, EBJ solicited the environmental industry via email, website and word-of-mouth for nominations for the EBJ Business Achievement Awards. Nominations were accepted in 200-word essays in either specific or unspecified categories. Final awards were determined by a committee of EBJ staff and EBJ editorial advisory board members. The 2008 EBJ awards were presented in a special ceremony at EBJ's Environmental Industry Summit VII in Coronado, California on the evening of February 20, 2009. The Environmental Industry Summit is an annual three-day event hosted by EBJ. Congratulations to the 2008 winners and EBJ encourages all interested companies to participate next year.

## **EBJ 2008 Business Achievement Award Winners**

### **BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT: CONSULTING & ENGINEERING:**

#### **SMALL FIRMS (<\$20 MILLION)**

**SILVER MEDAL: PARS Environmental, Inc.**, a seven-year-old environmental services firm, for growing revenue from \$400,000 in 2005 to more than \$4 million in 2008, and for increasing staff from five people to 35 professionals over the same period. Working closely with several universities, PARS' consulting business group conducts research and development in innovative environmental technologies and assists with the commercialization of those technologies. For example, PARS has worked with Lehigh Nanotech LLC and Lehigh University to develop and commercialize nanotechnology products for the in situ remediation of soil and groundwater. In October 2007, PARS was named Small Business Company of the Year by the Small Business Administration of New Jersey and PARS President and CEO Kiran Gill was named Entrepreneur of the Year in 2007 by the New Jersey Business and Industry Association.