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## TECH awards

TECH Fort Worth, a nonprofit technology incubator, announced nine emerging businesses "with prospects of having a global impact" as finalists for the third TECH Fort Worth Impact awards.

Here are the finalists, by category, and a brief explanation from TECH Fort Worth of what each business is about:

### Environmental:

Green & Sustainable Services Llc. plans to commercialize a patent-pending technology to treat flow-back water and produce water from oil and gas wells on-site, so the water can be reused for oil and gas activities and other beneficial uses to help conserve freshwater supplies.

Solar Logic has created a system to provide more electricity from solar power at lower cost while reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

Terra 360 Recycling uses its patented technology to recycle restaurant waste into biofuels.

### Community:

Geowhiz Universe, Llc. is an "edutainment" (education and entertainment) intellectual property firm that introduces children to global philanthropy through online games, digital media and derivative products centered on travel, geography and world cultures. Kids register online, play games and can earn "share bucks" to make donations to children's charities of the player's choice.

Image Vision Labs' iGuardian product employs visual recognition technology that can be used in wireless networks to detect and block unwanted content ranging from nudity to gang symbols.

Smarty Ears Llc. develops speech therapy and communication applications for smart devices such as the iPhone, iPad and Android.

### Health:

Medhab Llc. has created the StepRite wearable medical device that provides users the ability to customize physical rehabilitation activities to meet their needs.

Silcore Llc.'s lightweight silicone fibers can be used in healthcare and sports equipment. The firm dedicated the first phase to a lightweight product that can replace heavy prosthetics used by mastectomy patients.

Vital Art & Science Llc. developed a home vision monitor to help people with degenerative eye disease monitor the progression of their disease.

The Impact awards luncheon will be held May 18 at the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom at Texas Christian University. Sponsorship, table and ticket information regarding the luncheon is at [www.impactourworld.com](http://www.impactourworld.com).

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