

located in Valdosta-Lowndes County that will employ university and/or technical college graduates.

Curt Fowler of Fowler & Company was announced as the 2011 Guardian Bank Business Plan Competition winner.

### **Azalea Health Innovations, Inc. up for national award**

Azalea Health Innovations, Inc. of Valdosta is one of 75 companies across the country and one of three companies representing the state of Georgia to be named Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Winning the Blue Ribbon Small Business Award was the first of three rounds of competition. Seven regional finalists will be announced after voting ends on March 15. The seven finalists will be eligible for the \$10,000 grand prize and DREAM BIG Small Business Award.

AHI won the 2008 Guardian Bank Business Plan Competition, and the three partners have been

named "Graduates of the Last Decade" by Valdosta State University. AHI's owners are very active in the Lowndes County community. CEO Baha Zeidan is serving in his second year as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and has received membership in the community's oldest Rotary Club. CFO Douglas Swords currently serves as a board member of the Greater Valdosta United Way and participates in the Chamber's network of young professionals. CIO Dan Henry is active in the Chamber's IT Professionals Network. The company's CEO and CIO also serve on the advisory board for Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's Healthcare IT program.

Azalea Health Innovations, Inc. is a leading provider in cloud-based electronic health care software. AHI currently has 25 employees and has established a satellite office in Savannah. You may vote for Azalea Health Innovations, Inc. for the Community Excellence Award at [www.uschambersummit.com/award](http://www.uschambersummit.com/award) or by visiting [www.valdostachamber.com](http://www.valdostachamber.com)