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Former Felons Take Coffee Crown - Again!

Post-prison people from “I Have a Bean” roast coffee from the top 1% to win another taste competition, this time at the 3rd largest Whole Foods Market in the U.S.

Chicago, Illinois, May 20, 2013 – After counting the votes of hundreds of store patrons, the Whole Foods Market on Kingsbury St. in Chicago awarded the “ILLest Award” (slang for ‘best’) to I Have a Bean coffee on Saturday. Competitors included three other renowned Chicago area roasters: Metropolis Coffee Company, Bridgeport Coffee Company and Big Shoulders Coffee who’s coffees are also carried by Whole Foods.

I Have a Bean coffee is unique in that it primarily employs former felons at it’s micro-roasting plant in Wheaton IL. where coffee beans are roasted on machine they invented. “Winning another competition like this is very very rewarding.” said Pete Leonard, founder of the company. “Our hope is that business owners will be more inclined to give a fair shake former felons when they taste that they can produce an award winning product like ours.”

I Have a Bean won a similar “Turf Wars” competition at the South Loop Whole Foods Market at the end of February. Competitors included long-time Chicago roaster Intelligentsia Coffee and Tea as well as Bridgeport Coffee Company.

About Second Chance Coffee Company and I Have a Bean

Launched in 2009, I Have a Bean coffee is roasted in Wheaton Il and is expanding distribution to Milwaukee and Denver. I Have a Bean is the only for-profit coffee roasting company with a social mission of employing former felons. The company selects its coffee from among the top 1% of coffee in the world, and is known for roasting and delivering coffee the same day it’s ordered by its customers.

For information about becoming a reseller of I Have a Bean coffee contact Pete Leonard at pleonard@ihaveabean.com. For a quality of coffee that you’ve not likely experienced before order directly from www.ihaveabean.com

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