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America's SBDCs and SBDC Clients Recognized at National Small Business Week in Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. - America's SBDC is excited to announce that the Hamilton Hill SBDC in Hamilton in Ohio and three SBDC clients from around the country, were acknowledged and awarded at this year's National Small Business Week. National Small Business Week honors America's 28 million small businesses and their entrepreneurial, innovative and resilient spirit that serves as the backbone of the American economy.

In making the announcement, SBA Administrator Linda McMahon said: "More than half of all Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of three net new jobs in the U.S. each year. I couldn't be prouder of all the awardees this year – they are working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America's global competitiveness. It is an honor during National Small Business Week to honor and celebrate their hard work and success."

"It's a pleasure to recognize the achievements of small business and the diversity and strength they bring to our economy, it's too bad we can't make every week Small Business week. It's a pleasure to recognize all the SBDC clients who are being recognized for their success. America's SBDCs are proud to be a part of their story and to help them make their dreams a reality. But don't forget that SBDCs are there for every small business, every week!" said Charles "Tee" Rowe, America's SBDC President & CEO.

NATIONAL WINNERS & FINALISTS

2017 Small Business Development Center Excellence & Innovation Winner

[SBDC at Hamilton Mill](#)

Hamilton, Ohio

Mr. David Riggs, Director

2017 Exporter of the Year

[Safety Sleeper](#)

Rose Morris, Owner

[\(Pennsylvania SBDC\)](#)

Small Business Person of the Year – National Finalists

[Hometown Trolley](#)

Kristina Pence-Dunow, Owner & CEO

[\(Wisconsin SBDC\)](#)

[Monster Auto Corporation dba as Guam AutoSpot](#)

Derrick Muna Quinata, President/CEO

[\(Guam SBDC\)](#)

For more information on additional SBDC State, Regional and District National Small Business Week Winners visit our website; www.AmericasSBDC.org.

About America's SBDC: America's SBDC represents the Nation's 63 Small Business Development Centers, a national network of partnerships uniting higher education, state and local nonprofit economic development organizations, private enterprise and government. It is the Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. Learn more at www.AmericasSBDC.org.