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America’s SBDCs and SBDC Clients Honored at National Small Business Week

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The America’s SBDC network has been honored with ten National Small Business Week awards in eight states. In addition 26 SBDC clients have been nominated for the “Small Business Person of the Year” Award. National Small Business Week, the annual event hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration to recognize the nation’s top small businesses, entrepreneurs, small business advocates and champions. All of those awarded and nominated have been selected for the exemplary work they do in the small business community.

SBDC Honors

ARIZONA
Service Excellence and Innovation
Ellen Kirton, Microbusiness Advancement Center SBDC

GEORGIA
Service Excellence and Innovation
Kennesaw State University SBDC

NEW MEXICO
Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year
Adolfo Velasquez, Procurement Technical Assistance Advisor/Veteran’s Specialist

NEW YORK
Excellence in Government Team
Frank Sciortino, Buffalo District

NORTH CAROLINA
Women's Business Advocate of the Year
Annice Brown, Asst. Regional Director, SBTDC at Western Carolina University

OHIO
Service Excellence and Innovation
Ryan Mapes, Director, Piketon, Ohio - The Ohio SBDC at Ohio State University South Centers
Financial Services Champion of the Year
David Rivers, Certified Business Advisor at the Ohio SBDC at Columbus State Community College

Service Excellence and Innovation
Ohio SBDC at Lorain County Community College

SOUTH DAKOTA
Financial Services Advocate of the Year
Mark Slade, Associate State Director, SD SBDC - Sioux Falls

TEXAS
SBDC of the Year
UTSA International Trade Center, South-West Texas Border SBDC Network

"We are thrilled to have so many of our SBDCs acknowledged for their hard work and dedication to the success of small business," said Charles "Tee" Rowe, America’s SBDC President & CEO. "The success and acknowledgement of our network's clients is a testament to the importance of the business assistance we offer and its effect on small business."

From architecture to bakeries, to consulting firms and woodworking - these are just a few of the businesses that will be recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration this year in Washington, D.C., May 15-16. Small Business Person of the Year winners from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam will gather in Washington during National Small Business Week where one of them will be selected as the 2014 National Small Business Person of the Year.

SBDC CLIENT HONORS
ALABAMA
Small Business Person of the Year
Mr. Harvey Nix, CEO of Proventix Systems

FLORIDA
Small Business Person of the Year
Dr. Amir Varshovi, Green Technologies, LLC,
Small Business Exporter of the Year
Carlton Smith, Heavy Equipment Resources of Florida, Inc. (HERO)
Small Business Media Advocate of the Year
Patrick Faherty, Citrus County Chronicle
Woman-Owned Small Business Person of the Year
Jing Zhou, Interventions Unlimited, Inc. V
Veteran-Owned Small Business Person of the Year
Jack Corthell, Installation Services, Inc.
Veteran-Owned Small Business Person of the Year
Moses Harvin, American Services Technology, Inc.
Minority Owned Small Business Person of the Year
Patricia Bonilla, Lunacon Engineering
IDAHO
Small Business Person of the Year
Gary Multanen, CEO of Best Bath Systems

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Woman Owned Business of the Year
K9Kaos
Young Entrepreneurs of the Year
Sap House Meadery
Family Owned Business of the Year
Jeffrey Butland, Studley Flower Gardens

NEW YORK
Small Business Exporter of the Year
Brotherhood, America's Oldest Winery
Young Entrepreneur of the Year
Brian Junke, Lock 34 Bar & Grill
Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contribution to Disaster Recovery
Gianna P. Cerbone-Teoli, Manducatis Rustica VIG
Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year Ryan Letts

NORTH CAROLINA
Small Business Exporter of the Year
Freddy Cannady, Vesocclude Medical, LLC - a medical device manufacturer

NORTH DAKOTA
Small Business Person of the Year
Dean Atchison, Spectrum Aeromed

SOUTH DAKOTA
Small Business Person of the Year
Ryan McFarland, Strider Sports International
Veteran-Owned Business of the Year
AT Analytical, Inc.

TEXAS
Small Business Person of the Year
Gregory Hudson at Genesis Concepts & Consultants
Young Entrepreneur of the Year
John Lee Stoiloff, Stoiloff Insurance Agency
Family Owned Small Business of the Year
Marvin Groves, Jr.; CEO, Marvin Groves Electric Co, Inc.

WYOMING
Small Business Person of the Year
Jennifer C. Merrill, President, Merrill, Inc.
**Young Entrepreneur of the Year**
Derek Johnson, President, Cowboy Donuts, Inc.

**Small Business Exporter of the Year**
Mitchell M. Bangert, Owner, Designer and Founder, Offero, LLC

America’s SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. 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. With about 1,000 centers across the nation, America’s SBDC network provided business consulting to approximately 200,000 clients, training for more than 400,000 attendees, and other forms of management and technical assistance to approximately 600,000 small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs last year. Learn more at [www.asbdc-us.org](http://www.asbdc-us.org).

For additional information on National Small Business Week, please visit [http://www.sba.gov/smallbusinessweek](http://www.sba.gov/smallbusinessweek)

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