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### **MICHAEL BOULET PRESIDENT OF MAINELY TRUSSES NAMED SBA'S 2007 MAINE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON for 2007.**

Augusta, ME -- Michael R. Boulet, President of Mainely Trusses, Inc., will receive the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Maine Small Business Person of the Year Award for 2007. "Michael Boulet exemplifies the business expertise, commitment, creativity, and community involvement sought in the selection of the Small Business Person of the Year," said Charles Summers, New England Regional Administrator of the SBA. Boulet was nominated for the award by Vic Reinfelds, Revolving Loan Fund Director, at Kennebec Valley Council of Governments (KVCOG).

"I was very pleased just to be nominated," said Boulet. "To be selected for this award is an unexpected honor and a testimony to Mainely Trusses committed and skilled work force. Mainely Trusses dedication to customer service, employee training and development, investment in new technology and equipment all contributed to our success in this industry," said Boulet.

Mainely Trusses, a top-quality producer of commercial, residential and light industrial roof and floor systems, was established in 1991 by John and Louise Boulet, Michael's parents. After graduating from Bryant College in May 1992, Boulet began working full time at the company. In October 1993, John Boulet died as a result of a work-related accident, and Michael's life changed forever.

"After considering my options, and with the encouragement of my mother, I decided to give running the business a try," said Boulet. "Back then, I made a pledge to myself to grow the company slowly and steadily and to keep both the customers and employees happy. That's what is most important to me."

Mainely Trusses has evolved from 3 employees in a 3,200 square foot building to fifty employees, operating from a 23,400 square foot manufacturing facility located on fourteen acres in Fairfield, Maine.

Mainely Trusses is a stable employer with low employee turnover, paying above average wages with benefits that include personal earned time, paid holidays, paid vacations, health and dental insurance, profit sharing and a 401k plan.

Vic Reinfelds, Revolving Loan Fund Director with KVCOG said, “This is the type of business we enjoy working with. Mike has a business based-background, he’s an enlightened manager who is on the job daily and has assembled a loyal and motivated staff. He exemplifies Maine’s honored work ethic.”

Community involvement is a natural part of life and doing business for Boulet. He currently serves as a member of the Maine Merchants Association Workers Compensation Trust Fund Board of Trustees, is chairman of the board for the Central Maine Youth Hockey Association and coaches in the Central Maine Youth Hockey program. Habitat for Humanity and the Boys and Girls Club also benefit from Boulet’s sense of community.

Boulet’s community extends to Vietnam where he provides support to orphanages and the Khanh Hoa Children’s Center in Khana Hoa, a province of South Central Vietnam. Mike and his wife Jody have a special bond with Vietnam. Their three adopted children, Sophie An, Yanik and Zane, were born there.

Boulet will be honored at the SBA awards celebration in May.