

Michigan Small Business Persons of the Year and Champion Award Winners Announced

The Small Business Administration has announced its 2007 Michigan Small Business Persons of the Year and champion awards. They were presented on April 12, 2007 during the third annual **Michigan Celebrates Small Business** awards dinner at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center in East Lansing. Richard Temkin, SBA Michigan District Director said, "Michigan's small businesses are becoming increasingly vital contributors to our economy. **I am very proud that one of our Michigan winners has gone on to win a national award, and two others have received Midwest regional recognition.**" This year's winners include:

Michigan Small Business Persons of the Year

Noel Cuellar, President & CEO
Ethan Barde, Vice President
Primera Plastics, Inc., Zeeland

National Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year

Nancy D. Marshall, President & CEO
Aluminum Supply Company, Inc., Detroit

Michigan and Midwest Region Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Bruce McCully
President & Founder, Dynamic Edge, Inc., Ann Arbor

Michigan and Midwest Region Veteran Business Champion of the Year

Edward L. Ronders
Director, VetBizCentral, Inc., Flint

Michigan Small Business Journalist of the Year

Ren J. Carlton
President, DAS Professional Services, Troy

Michigan Financial Services Champion of the Year

Patrick M. O'Keefe
Founder & Managing Member, O'Keefe & Associates Consulting, Bloomfield Hills

Michigan Women in Business Champion of the Year

Doris L. Drain
Vice President for Commercial Lending, United Bank, Grand Rapids

Michigan Minority Business Champion of the Year

Kenneth L. Harris
President & CEO, International Detroit Black Expo, Inc., Detroit

Michigan Small Business Counselor of the Year

Jack Caminker
Assistant District Director, Michigan SCORE, Detroit

For more information on the award winners, please contact the Michigan District Office at (313) 226-6075 x279 or e-mail constance.logan@sba.gov.