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SBA HONORS SMALL BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIONAL CHAMPION AWARD WINNERS

Three Midwestern Small Business Champions are Top Choice

CHICAGO, IL – The U.S. Small Business Administration has awarded Champion Awards to nine small business owners and small business backers from across the country in recognition of their outstanding achievements on behalf of small business. Among the nine small businesses, three Midwestern entrepreneurs received the national title in their respective categories—**“Women’s Business Champion of the Year”** Charlotte Zietlow of Middle Way House, Inc. in Bloomington, Indiana, **“Small Business Journalist of the Year”** Jody Glynn Patrick of ***In Business Magazine*** in Madison, Wisconsin; and **“Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year”** Nancy D. Marshall of Aluminum Supply Company, Inc. in Detroit, Michigan.

The National Champion Awards will be presented on Monday, April 23 at an evening reception in the U.S. Department of State (Diplomatic Reception Room) as part of the 2-day annual ***National Small Business Week Celebration***. Each year, National Small Business Week honors the small business accomplishments of individuals and business owners.

“Charlotte, Jody and Nancy continue to serve as mentors to other small business owners throughout the Midwest and the nation,” said SBA Regional Administrator Patrick Rea. “They represent today’s small business leaders showing dedication and determination to succeed in the marketplace.”

After successfully, starting, growing and selling her own business, **“Women’s Business Champion of the Year”**, Charlotte Zietlow continues to work tirelessly with the Middle Way House to promote economic opportunities for formerly abused women in the community.

“Small Business Journalist of the Year” Jody Glynn Patrick is a visionary and award -winning journalist. She publishes the region’s business to business magazine and creator and co-host of a weekday radio program ***On Air with In Business Magazine*** where she takes business journalism to a higher standard by creating multiple conduits for small business advocacy and recognition.

“Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year” Nancy D Marshall continuous to see her family business flourish with increased clientele and growing revenue. Founded in 1948, Aluminum Supply Company, Inc. is a second generation family-owned operated Distributor of Architectural Building Products.

All of the Region V winners will also be recognized at a local ceremony in their respective districts. In Wisconsin, National Champion **Jody Glynn Patrick** will be honored at the SBA/SCORE Awards Presentation Breakfast on Friday, June 1, 2007 at Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. For more information on the awards breakfast, please contact Mary Trimmier at (414) 297-1093 or email her at mary.trimmier@sba.gov.

This year's Region V Champion Award winners include the following:

2007 Exporter Champion

Gene Anguil
President and Founder
Anguil Environmental Systems, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

2007 Veterans Champion

Edward L. Ronders, Director
VetBiz Central, Inc.
Flint, Michigan

2007 Financial Services Champion

Cathy Haworth, Executive Director
Lake County Development Center
Painesville., Ohio

2007 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business Champion

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

2007 Minority Champion

Joe Lopez, President
New Era Builders, Inc.
Cleveland, Ohio

2007 Journalist Champion

Jody Glynn Patrick
"In Business" Magazine
Madison, Wisconsin

2007 Women in Business Champion (TIE)

Charlotte Zietlow
Economic Development Coordinator
Middle Way House
Bloomington., Indiana

--AND--

Sue Lindgren, President
YESS!!—Your Extraordinary Success Strategies
ST. Louis Park, Minnesota

2007 Home-Based Business Champion

Diane Valletta, Owner
Valletta Associates
Evanston, Illinois

2007 Young Entrepreneur of the Year

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

Selected from nomination packages submitted by SBA district offices in their communities, the awardees are being recognized on the basis of having met one or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated entrepreneurial potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.
- If a small business, evidence of success as measured by sales and profits.
- Voluntary efforts beyond business/professional responsibilities to advance small business interests within the small business community, state and/or nation.
- Support of the small business community as a whole, not solely for individual personal advancement.
- Other accomplishments demonstrating the nominee's effective support of small business.

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