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## ***SBA Honors National Small Business Champions***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Fifteen small business owners and leaders of small business support organizations were hailed today by the U.S. Small Business Administration for their outstanding support of entrepreneurs. The 15 Champion Awards were presented today in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual observance of *National Small Business Week*.

The Champion Awards were presented at the Champion Award Winners Luncheon, sponsored by Sam's Club.

“The SBA is proud to honor these men and women as true champions of small business, whose tireless efforts have provided tangible and significant support to small businesses and to their communities,” said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills. “They provide the counseling, advice and support that small business owners need, and foster an environment in which the spirit of entrepreneurship can flourish.”

This year's Champion Awards recognize winners from Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wisconsin. For more detailed information on all the winners please go to <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com> and click on Winners

The winners are:

### **2009 National Financial Services Champion**

Marilyn Landis

President & CEO

Basic Business Concepts, Inc.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **2009 National SBA Young Entrepreneurs**

Stephen C. Voudouris

Christopher R. Francy

Andrew S. Voudouris

Owners

Xoxide, Inc.

Malvern, Pennsylvania

### **2009 National Veteran Champion**

Charles M. Baker

President & CEO

MCB Lighting & Electrical & Government Logistics Solutions

Owings, Maryland

**2009 National Exporter of the Year**

Andrew Kruse  
Executive Vice President for  
Business Development  
Southwest Wind Power  
Flagstaff, Arizona

**2009 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year**

Timothy S. Parker  
President  
Harbor Industries, Inc.  
Grand Haven, Michigan

**2009 National Home Based  
Business Champion**

Nancy Reading, Jenny Cox  
Barb McGann, Kris Simeona  
Founders  
Small Business Incubation Center  
Cedar Edge Medical, LLC  
Blanding, Utah

**2009 National Small Business Journalist**

Joanne Quinn Smith  
President  
Dreamweaver Marketing  
Positively Pittsburgh Live Magazine  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**2009 National Minority Champion**

Eddie G. Davis  
Principal  
DaLite & Associates, LLC  
St. Louis, Missouri

**2009 National Women in Business Champion**

**Laurie Benson**

**CEO & Co-Founder**

**Inacom Information Systems**

**Madison, Wisconsin**

**2009 Entrepreneurial Success**

Avinash Rachmale  
President & CEO  
Lakeshore Engineering Services, Inc.  
Detroit, Michigan

For additional information on Small Business Week 2009, including a full schedule of events and information on all award winners, go online to [www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com](http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com) .

***Editors – please note: A complete list of all award winners also is available on the National Small Business Week Web site at <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com> and click on Winners.***

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