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SBA ANNOUNCES NATIONAL ADVOCACY AWARD WINNERS

WASHINGTON – Nine men and women from around the country were recognized today by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for behalf of small businesses.

The SBA’s Office of Advocacy selected the winners of the prestigious annual National selected for the Entrepreneurial Success Award, the Young Entrepreneur of the Year and the Small Business Exporter of the Year.

small business advocates. They truly have shown the entrepreneurial spirit,” said SBA

One of the highlights this year is the _____, won by _____ of Edgewise Media Services, Inc. nominated Mr. Cohen for this award. Last year, _____ magazine ranked the company on its top 500 list of America’s fastest-growing private companies.

Exporter of the Year Award. Mr. Rodriguez has combined business success with a commitment

Emily Harrington, chairperson of Qualified Resources Inc., Cranston, Rhode Island, received the _____ Another of *Inc.* _____ companies, Qualified Resources is a full service staffing company. An immigrant from the Philippines, Harrington focuses on helping women and minorities find meaningful employment.

_____ went to Diane Sisson, president Sisson and Associates, Daphne, Alabama. Ms. Sisson started her own management consulting women in business.

winner of the **Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year Award**

owner with 30 years of experience, she has dedicated her professional skills to advancing the employment and entrepreneurship of American Veterans.

Hawaii Business, Honolulu, Hawaii, wins the **Business Journalist of the Year Award** for his focus on entrepreneurship and small business in

Enerio "Tony" Barros, owner of Center Boutique, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, wins the **Accountant Advocate of the Year Award** for his work on behalf of minority entrepreneurs.

Accountant Advocate of the Year Award

Eric Nathanson, project coordinator, Minneapolis Community Development Agency, Minneapolis, Minnesota, won the **Accountant Advocate of the Year Award** for work in creating financing opportunities for small businesses.

For more information on National Small Business Week and a complete list of award winners, visit the SBA's Small Business Week Web site at <http://www.sba.gov>.

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