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National Small Business Week 2010 Nominations for Small Business Awards

NOVEMBER 13, 2009 – NOMINATION DEADLINE

The President of the United States has designated a National Small Business Week every year since 1963. This week honors America's entrepreneurs — the men and women who start and grow the small businesses that drive our nation's economy.

The Columbus District Office is currently accepting nominations for several SBA award categories including the 2010 Small Business of the Year. Trade associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations frequently sponsor candidates. A friend, family member or a business owner may also nominate themselves or other candidates for awards.

The Ohio statewide winner for **Small Business Person of the Year** will be invited to attend the national celebration in Washington D.C. and compete for National Small Business Person of the Year. The National Small Business Person of the Year is selected from the 50 state winners and the winners from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.

This is an opportunity to recognize an individual or an organization dedicated to the support of the small business community. Please send your completed nomination package to the U.S. Small Business Administration, 401 N. Front Street, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Attn: Shannon Feucht by November 13th, 2009.

Nomination criteria for all awards can be found by visiting the SBA website at www.sba.gov/oh/columbus. Look under the "Spotlight" section or contact Shannon Feucht at Shannon.Feucht@sba.gov or 614-469-6860 ext 244. If you would just like to make a nomination please complete an Award Candidate Form located in the nomination criteria package, and return it by October 20th. A **Complete Nomination Package** must be received no later than November 13, 2009.