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U.S. Small Business Administration Announces 2013 New Hampshire Award Winners

*Jay McSharry, Owner of Jumpin Jay's Fish Café selected as
2013 Small Business Person of the Year*

CONCORD, NH – The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) today announced its 2013 New Hampshire Small Business Award winners recognizing outstanding small business owners throughout the state. Jay McSharry, owner of Jumpin Jay's Fish Café, Dos Amigos Burritos and Moxy in Portsmouth has been named New Hampshire's Small Business Person of the Year for 2013.

McSharry will compete with the nation's top small businesses for the honor of National Small Business Person of the Year during the SBA's National Small Business Week celebration, June 17 - 21, 2013. The winner will be selected from 53 state small business winners, which includes the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam. The announcement will be made during an event in Washington, D.C. on June 21st.

McSharry is a successful restaurateur widely recognized for his leadership role in the vibrant Portsmouth restaurant community. In 2000, with the help of a small SBA-backed loan through Fleet Bank, McSharry launched Jumpin Jay's Fish Café. Over the course of 13 years he has developed five distinct restaurant/hospitality businesses in the Portsmouth area. His style of doing business is community-based, engaging and collaborative. McSharry has dedicated himself to taking bold steps to build his restaurants and in turn help build a strong, vibrant downtown Portsmouth.

"Mr. McSharry has certainly created a New Hampshire small business success story," said SBA's New Hampshire District Director Greta Johansson. "During a challenging economic environment for the hospitality industry he has continued on a path of growth and expansion. We at the SBA are honored to be able to recognize Mr. McSharry and other extraordinary entrepreneurs each year."

McSharry will be recognized locally at the annual **NH SBA Small Business Awards** event on **May 22nd** at the **Crowne Plaza** in **Nashua**. Other award winners to be recognized include:

Exporter of the Year (NH and New England winner)
Good Leads, LLC of Salem, NH

Woman Owned Business (NH and New England winner)
LaBelle Winery of Amherst, NH

Jeffrey Butland Family Owned Business
Garland Mill Timberframes of Lancaster, NH

Veteran Owned Business
Team O'Neil, LLC (Team O'Neil Rally School) of Dalton, NH

Small Business Champion
Devine, Millimet & Branch, PA, Small Business Team of Manchester, NH

For more information on the annual awards event or to register to attend, visit nhsbdc.org.

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