

## **SBA in the News: Washington, DC**

### **National Small Business Week 2011**



***Eric Ness, Wisconsin SBA District Director; Bill Rancic, of The Apprentice; and Gerald Moore, Michigan SBA District Director attend Small Business Week in Washington, DC***

Recently, Gerald Moore, the newly appointed District Director of the Michigan District Office, participated in National Small Business Week activities in Washington, DC during the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small businesses to the economic well-being of America. During this time, U.S. Small Business Administration recognizes the special impact made by outstanding entrepreneurs and champions of small business.

The Michigan District Office is proud to announce that we have a National Award Winner, Darryl J. Barlett, VP & General Manager of k-Space Associates, Inc. k-Space is engaged in exporting and has increased sales, profits and/or growth of the employment because of exporting. They have also demonstrated encouragement of other small businesses to export and volunteered assistance to other small businesses entering the export market; and have cooperated with other businesses in the creation of export trading companies and/or introduction of unique trading relationships, products or services. K-space Associates is the leading supplier of thin-film monitoring technologies to research laboratories and production facilities worldwide.

Participating in the awards program was Bill Rancic, an entrepreneur who became famous as the first winner of Donald Trump's reality television show, *The Apprentice*. Rancic currently stars in the reality show *Giuliana and Bill* with his wife Giuliana Rancic. Rancic is an international motivational speaker who speaks on achieving success in business and life. He is also a real estate developer mainly in and around downtown Chicago and designs properties under his banner, Bill Rancic Homes.