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## **Dan Leaf, President and CEO of Leaf Communications, Inc. Selected as 2019 Young Entrepreneur of the Year**

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** – The U.S. Small Business Administration, Orange County / Inland Empire District Office has selected Dan Leaf, President and CEO of Leaf Communications, Inc. to be recognized as the 2019 Young Entrepreneur of the Year. Leaf was nominated for the award by Abbie Pell, Marketing Manager at Leaf Communications, Inc.

Dan Leaf served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and then continued his service as a civilian with the Department of Defense, serving two years in the middle east. In 2013, he founded Leaf Communications, Inc. specializing in wireless telecommunication construction, distributed antenna systems, inbuilding design engineering, and the implementation and construction of First Responder Public Safety Systems. Building the business from the ground up, his mission was to deliver service and product second to none.

Leaf Communications is headquartered in San Clemente, CA with offices also located in Northern California, Washington, Nevada, Colorado, Oregon, Georgia, Boston and Wyoming. The company is a qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise through the State of California and a qualified service disabled veteran owned business through the National Veteran Business Development Council. Motivated to offer more to the market space than competitors, the business has enjoyed impressive growth, tripling in size, revenue and client base each year.

In just five years, Leaf's commitment to building and strengthening his company and his support of the local economy through job creation has generated the climate for his business to grow significantly. Investment in company team members has empowered employees to hone leadership, focus and vision which has translated into growing clients and gaining important external relationships. Leaf Communications, Inc. supports more than 60 employees and serves more than 27 states across the county. Leaf maintains an excellent reputation among his peers, partners, clients, community and employees and believes that staying positive, being humble, maintaining focus, empowering his team, and being honest and transparent are keys to his business success.

Dan Leaf, 39, has owned five businesses including a prior telecom venture that he grew into an \$80 million company post sale in 2011. Leaf contributes his success to his parent's example of hard work and his military experience that pushed him to emulate a culture of discipline and honor. Leaf is also a strong community supporter and he donates to non-profit organizations such as Cure SMA and Human Options.

Dan Leaf will be recognized and receive his award as the 2019 Young Entrepreneur of the Year at the local Small Business Week Awards program to be held Friday, June 7 from 10:30 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. at the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom. For more information on the event, email [events@ochcc.com](mailto:events@ochcc.com) or call (949) 891-1464.

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### **About the Orange County / Inland Empire District Office**

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