



News Release

Maine District Office

Release Date: April 2, 2013

Release Number: 12-06D

Contact: William Card (207) 622-8555

Internet Address: <http://www.sba.gov/news>

Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

SBA Announces Annual Award Winners

Cory Laplante receives Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the winner of its annual award for Young Entrepreneur for 2013. Cory Laplante, owner of Northern Prosthetics has been selected to receive this prestigious award for the State of Maine, as well as SBA’s Young Entrepreneur New England Regional Award.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and recognizing those who work so hard and achieve success is truly an honor,” said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. “It is a particular privilege to present this award to Mr. Laplante because of his empathy and the outstanding work his company has done in helping citizens with disabilities and medical conditions live fuller lives,” added Geroux.

Northern Prosthetics is located in Presque Isle and sells prosthetics and orthotics, some of which are manufactured on-site. These range from basic foot orthotics up to more advanced microprocessors for prosthetics. The company has obtained loan guaranty funding from the SBA through Katahdin Trust Company, which nominated Cory for this award.

Mr. Laplante will be honored at an SBA celebration luncheon on June 4, 2013 at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953, and assists our nation’s small businesses in creating jobs, preserving free competitive enterprise, and strengthening the overall economy of our nation.

NOTE: Cory Laplante photo attached

###



EXIT

PACKERS
FOOTBALL CLUB

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

534612