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## **SBA Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **Lewiston's DeBlois Electric, Inc. Receives SBA's Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business Award**

Augusta, Maine – The U.S. Small Business Administration is pleased to announce that DeBlois Electric Inc. has been selected to receive the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2014 Jeffrey Butland Family Owned Business Award for Maine. This award is presented to a family-owned and operated business with a 15-year track record that has been passed on from at least one generation to another.

“The DeBlois family has a longstanding record of success running this prominent and growing business,” said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. “The fact that this business has thrived for two generations underscores the strength of Maine's entrepreneurial spirit and the DeBlois family's hard work in making their company successful,” added Geroux.

DeBlois Electric Inc. is an electrical contracting company located in Lewiston, and operates statewide, as well as extending to markets in New Hampshire and Vermont. The company was started in 1967 by Wilfrid DeBlois as a residential contractor. In the 47 years since then, the company has expanded from the original 2 employees to 42 today. While Wilfrid DeBlois maintains his role as chairman of the board, and his wife Gaetane serves as treasurer, their sons Mitch and Raymond have taken on the roles of president and CFO, respectively.

The DeBlois Family was nominated for this award by Dave Eldridge, Vice-President of Commercial Loans at Androscoggin Bank, and will be honored at an SBA celebration luncheon at 12:00 p.m. on June 17, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport.

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