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## **SBA Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **Harold Clossey, Executive Director of Sunrise County Economic Council receives Financial Services Champion of the Year Award for Maine and New England**

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced its annual award winners for 2012. Harold Clossey, Executive Director of Sunrise County Economic Council has been selected to receive the prestigious Financial Services Champion of the Year award for Maine and New England.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and recognizing those who work so hard to help others start and grow their businesses is truly an honor,” said Maurice “Moe” Dubé, SBA District Director for Maine. “It is a particular privilege to present this award to Harold Clossey, who is well known and highly regarded for his work helping Maine’s entrepreneurs obtain the funding they need to operate their businesses and create economic opportunity in the region,” added Dubé.

Clossey has served as Executive Director of Sunrise County Economic Council since 2006. During his tenure, Clossey has developed extensive partnerships with private sector companies, federal, state and local governments. These collaborations have generated more than an estimated \$290 million in funding and capital investment for local projects.

Clossey was nominated for this award by Joshua Bragg, Branch Manager of CES Engineers/Surveyors in Machias.

Clossey will be honored at an SBA celebration luncheon on May 17, 2012 at the Augusta Civic Center.

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. With an ongoing commitment to provide access to capital, government contracting opportunities and technical assistance to our small businesses, the SBA currently has a small business loan portfolio of nearly \$93 billion working to facilitate the success of our nation’s entrepreneurs.

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