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SBA Announces Annual Award Winners

Patricia Rice receives Minority Small Business Champion of the Year Award

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced its annual award winners for 2012. Patricia Rice of Veazie has been selected to receive the prestigious Minority Small Business Champion of the Year Award.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and recognizing those who work so hard to facilitate the success of these businesses is truly an honor,” said Maurice “Moe” Dubé, SBA District Director for Maine. “It is a particular privilege to present this award to Pat Rice because of her longstanding commitment and record of achievement in providing assistance to others and creating economic opportunities for her fellow Mainers,” added Dubé.

Rice is Chapter Chair of the Bangor SCORE, an SBA Resource Partner, and has also served as State Director of the Maine Procurement Technical Assistance Center, which is located at Eastern Maine Development Corporation in Bangor.

Rice was nominated for this award by Tim Love, President and CEO of Federal Program Integrators of Indian Island.

Rice 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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