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SBA Announces Small Business Person of the Year for 2014

Mary Allen Lindemann & Alan Spear, Owners of Coffee By Design receive Maine Small Business Person of the Year Award

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced its annual award winners for 2014. Mary Allen Lindemann and Alan Spear, Owners of Coffee By Design, has been selected to receive the prestigious Small Business Person of the Year award for Maine.

"I am pleased to announce that Mary Allen Lindemann and Alan Spear, Owners of Coffee By Design, have been named the Small Business Administration's Small Business Person(s) of the Year for Maine. Ms. Lindemann and Mr. Spear have achieved a long-standing record of success in a very competitive business," said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. "I am delighted that the Small Business Administration has been able to help the company grow by using our loan programs," she added.

Coffee By Design started as a single coffee house in Portland, Maine in 1994. Since that time, the company has grown to 51 employees in four retail locations. The company also roasts over 30 specialty coffees. Lindemann and Spear attribute their success to providing high quality products, as well as a commitment to the community and the environment on a local and global level.

Ms. Lindemann and Mr. Spear will be honored at an SBA celebration luncheon on June 17, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport at 12:00 p.m.

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.

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