

Dear Friend of Small Business:

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation, announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. As you might know, small firms represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

As part of National Small Business Week, the Maine District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners and others from Maine. Every day they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation and increase America's global competitiveness.

You may qualify for one of these awards or know someone who should be recognized for their accomplishments as entrepreneurs or for their contributions to the Maine small business community.

The Maine Small Business Person of the Year will be honored with others from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and national winners of the champion and special award categories in Washington, D.C. in May, 2012. The Maine Salute to Small Business celebration is traditionally held in May.

The nomination deadline is **November 10, 2011**. You may fax nominations to (207) 622-8277, email - marilyn.geroux@sba.gov or mail them to the Maine District Office. If you have any questions please call (207) 622-8382.

Sincerely,



District Director

U.S. Small Business Administration
Maine District Office
68 Sewall Street
Augusta, ME 04330

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Small Business
Award
Nominations
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U.S. Small Business Administration

2012 Small Business Week Award Nominations

Help Us Honor
Maine's
Outstanding Entrepreneurs
&
Small Business Owners
Who Contribute To
The Growth Of The
Maine Economy

AWARD CATEGORIES

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY

- Small Business Person of the Year:** For developing an outstanding, growing business; innovative product, increasing jobs, increasing sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions.
- Small Business Exporter of the Year:** Significantly increased export sales and profits, encouraging other firms to export, increased jobs through exports, and innovative methods of creating markets.
- SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Owner will not reach 30th birthday by June 1, 2012, three-year evidence of success in sales and profits, increased jobs, innovative products, demonstrated potential.
- Jeffrey Butland Family Owned Small Business:** A family owned business that has passed from one generation to another and owner has responsibility for operating the business with at least a 15 year track record.
- Entrepreneurial Success Award :** Must own and operate a business initially launched as small according to SBA size standards and subsequently developed into a large business; and they must have received SBA assistance to help the business grow.

Small Business Champions of the Year:

Individuals who promote small business, including volunteering time and services to small business interests and groups, or advocating the cause of small business in the legislative process. Champions may or may not be small business owners.

- Minority Small Business Champion**
- Women in Business Champion**
- Veteran Small Business Champion**
- Home Based Business Champion**
- Financial Services Champion**

NOMINEE INFORMATION

I nominate _____ Title _____

Company/Organization _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION

Nominator _____ Title _____

Company/Organization _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

REPLY BY NOVEMBER 10, 2011

Email, marilyn.geroux@sba.gov, fax (207-622-8277) or mail this form to:
Small Business Administration, Attn: Small Business Awards Committee
68 Sewall Street, Augusta, ME 04330

For more information, please contact: 207-622-8382. For further consideration, a nomination package with detailed materials will be requested. SBA will contact the nominator for the required information. Self nominations are accepted.