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## Small Business Nomination Deadline Extended To January 3, 2013

**CLARKSBURG, W.Va.** – Judy K. McCauley, director of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s West Virginia District Office, announced today the deadline for nominations for the 2013 West Virginia *Small Business Person of the Year* and Small Business Champion awards has been extended to **Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013**.

“We have received a lot of interest in the awards nomination process the past week and have decided to extend the deadline until the first of the year,” said McCauley. “That gives an additional four weeks for nominators to put together strong nomination packages in all the award categories.”

Nominations for all awards now must be received in the West Virginia District Office by close of business on **Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013**. The award recipients will be recognized at the annual West Virginia Small Business Week Awards Celebration scheduled for May of 2013 with *Small Business Person of the Year* recipient traveling to Washington D.C. for the National Award competition. Nominations can be submitted by any individual or organization.

Small Business Champion awards are selected from individuals or organizations that promote small business, volunteer time and services to small business interest groups, advocate the cause of small business through legislation, or use their professional expertise to assist small business owners. Champions may or may not be small business owners.

Champion award categories include: *Financial Services, Home-Based Business, Minority, Veteran and Women*. Special awards include: *Family-Owned Small Business, Entrepreneurial Success, Small Business Exporter, and Young Entrepreneur* (under age of 30).

All nominations must be received by the SBA West Virginia District Office by **Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013**.

Nomination information can be found under the *Resources from Our Office* section on the SBA’s West Virginia District Office web page at [www.sba.gov/wv](http://www.sba.gov/wv) or by contacting Rick Haney at (304) 623-7449 (email: [richard.haney@sba.gov](mailto:richard.haney@sba.gov)).

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