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SBA administrator announces the 2017 Georgia Small Business Person of the Year winner

ATLANTA – Administrator [Linda McMahon](#), the head of the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#), announces Kevin Boykin, CEO of Path-Tec LLC in Midland, Georgia, is the 2017 Georgia Small Business Person of the Year.

“It is my honor and distinct pleasure to announce the 54 winners from across the U.S. and its territories,” McMahon said. “These small business owners define entrepreneurial spirit and best represent the 28 million small businesses that are the backbone and economic engine for today’s economy. I look forward to welcoming the winners to Washington next month when they are officially honored for their achievements.”

Path-Tec is a medical logistics company that specializes in the packaging, transport and tracking of laboratory specimens. Kevin Boykin, an air force veteran, founded the company in 2005 in a cramped rental storage unit. Today, Path-Tec owns a 130,000 square-foot facility and employs more than 150 workers.

All of the Small Business Person of the Year winners from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands have been invited to attend ceremonies in Washington, D.C on **April 30 – May 1** where they will be honored with their individual award along with recognition of the three runners-up and the naming of the **2017 National Small Business Person of the Year**.

Annually, since 1963, the president has issued a proclamation calling for the first week in May to be celebrated as National Small Business Week. There are national events planned in Washington, D.C., New York City, Indianapolis, Dallas and Fresno, Calif., commemorating this special time.

To see the full list of winners and learn more about National Small Business Week go to [Https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/nsbw](https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/nsbw)

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 and since January 13, 2012 has served as a Cabinet-level agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. Through an extensive network of field

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