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2012 Small Business Award Winners for SBA's Utah District

— Winners to be recognized at an awards luncheon on Monday, May 14, 2012 —

Karen S. Woodbury, President of Woodbury Technologies has been selected as the 2012 Small Business Person of the Year for the Utah District of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

After over 20 years of technical and managerial experience working in the U.S. Air Force ICBM Program in Utah, Karen Woodbury felt the 'entrepreneurial spirit' which takes hold when people believe in themselves and their potential for success.

From humble beginnings in 2003 as a one-woman company, Woodbury Technologies has grown to include nearly 200 employees who support the Air Force, Army, and Defense Information Systems Agency in Information Technology, Training and Courseware, Medical Services, Communications, Aerospace Engineering and Program Management in 10 different states.

Sandra Lanier with Ephraim Co-op, Home-Based Business Champion and Rene Eddy Yurja, Minority Small Business Champion have also been selected as regional winners for SBA's Region 8, which includes the states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Woodbury and Utah's other award winners will be honored at the annual Utah Small Business Week luncheon on Monday, May 14, 2012, at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. "The Utah District is pleased to recognize these deserving individuals and organizations who represent the best of what small business in Utah is all about," said Stan Nakano, District Director of SBA's Utah District Office.

Small Business Week Award Winners

Small Business Person of the Year

**Karen S. Woodbury, President
Woodbury Technologies**

Financial Services Champion of the Year

**Thomas T. Christopoulos, Deputy Director of Ogden City
Community & Economic Development,
ORC Development Officer**

Women in Business Champion of the Year

**Diana George, Vice President
Zions First National Bank**

Home-Based Business Champion of the Year (and SBA Region 8 Winner)
Sandra Lanier, Chair of the board of directors and president
Ephraim Co-op

Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year
Steve Simpson, Barry Simpson and Craig Simpson
William W. Simpson Enterprises Inc., dba Twin Rocks Trading Post and Twin Rocks
Café

Small Business Exporter of the Year
Christopher Newberry, CEO/Owner
Export Computer Exchange

Small Business Development Center Service Excellence and Innovation Center Award
Lennart T. Erickson, Director
St. George SBDC

Minority Small Business Champion of the Year (and SBA Region 8 Winner)
Mr. Rene Eddy Yurja
Independent Contractor

Minority Economic Development 8(a) Award Winner

Minority Small Business Person of the Year
Stan Nakamura
Nex-One Inc.

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