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## **SBA Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **Ellen Thayer, Owner of Love Rocks Me of South Portland Receives SBA Home-Based Small Business of the Year for Maine and New England**

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced its annual award winners for 2016. Ellen Thayer, Owner of Love Rocks Me has been selected to receive the SBA Home-Based Business of the Year Award for Maine and New England. This Award is presented to a successful home-based business with at least a 3-year track record.

“Many great ideas come from small, home-based businesses, and Love Rocks Me is no exception,” said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. “Ellen’s hard work, ingenuity and creativity make her a true role model for many of Maine’s entrepreneurs and I am delighted to recognize her success with this award for Maine and New England,” she added.

Ms. Thayer was nominated for this award by Gigi Guyton of New Ventures Maine, who said “New Ventures Maine is thrilled that Ellen Thayer has been chosen for this award. It is well deserved. Ellen has used Maine's small business development resources wisely, and is committed to excellence.”

Ms. Thayer will be honored at an SBA Reception on May 4, 2016 at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta.



Ellen Thayer shown with Love Rocks Me Greeting Cards

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