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## **SBA Announces Annual Award Winners**

### **Michelle Ann Hanson, Owner of Frederick's Southside in Caribou Receives Woman Owned Small Business of the Year Award for Maine**

Augusta, Maine – Michelle Ann Hanson of Frederick's Southside in Caribou has been selected to receive the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2016 Woman Owned Small Business of the Year Award for Maine.

"I am very pleased that Michelle Ann Hanson is the recipient of this year's Woman Owned Small Business of the Year for Maine," said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. Michelle has worked tirelessly to maintain and grow her business, and it is a mainstay in the community," she added.

Frederick's Southside has benefitted from an SBA Microloan through Northern Maine Development Commission.

"The SBA could not have chosen a more fitting business for Maine Woman Owned Small Business of the Year," said David Spooner of Northern Maine Development Commission, who nominated Ms. Hanson for this award. "Michelle Hanson is the face of Fredrick's Southside and brings a positive energy to everything she does. It was an honor to nominate Michelle Hanson and Fredrick's Southside for this award," added Spooner.

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

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