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Small Business Awards Deadline Approaches

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Massachusetts District Office announced that SBA's online portal is ready to accept nominations for its 2015 National Small Business Week Awards.

SBA has been following the mantra "Smart, Bold and Accessible" in the way the agency conducts business. This is now the third year SBA has been using the online portal submission process, a great and smart improvement from years past. The improved dedicated web portal <http://awards.sba.gov> provides all the guidelines and has made it much easier to submit and track submissions of nominees for National Small Business Week.

Since 1963, National Small Business Week has recognized the outstanding achievements of America's small businesses for their contributions to their local communities, and to our nation's economy. For over 50 years, SBA will continue its tradition in honoring the nation's 28 million small businesses.

SBA Awards given in honor of National Small Business Week include National Small Business Person of the Year and Exporter of the Year. All national nominations must be submitted online via the portal or postmarked or hand delivered to the SBA District Office no later than 3 p.m. EST, Monday, January 5, 2015.

In addition to the national awards, the Massachusetts District Office is seeking nominations for the following district awards:

- Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Minority Small Business Owner of the Year
- Veteran Small Business Owner of the Year
- Woman Small Business Owner of the Year
- Massachusetts Microenterprise Award
- Small Business Manufacturer of the Year
- Financial Services Champion

Award guidelines and nomination forms can be found at www.sba.gov/ma or by contacting Matthew Sisk at 617-565-5569 or matthew.sisk@sba.gov.