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## **SBA Announces Small Business Person of the Year for 2016**

### **Margo Walsh, Owner of MaineWorks LLC, is named SBA Small Business Person of the Year for Maine**

Augusta, Maine – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced its annual award winners for 2016. Margo Walsh, Owner of MaineWorks, LLC of Portland has been selected to receive the prestigious Small Business Person of the Year award for Maine.

The firm is a temporary employment agency specializing in construction, bridge and road building. The company provides supported employment for people in recovery from substance abuse, those re-entering the job force after being incarcerated, and our Veterans.

“Passion and commitment are what make successful small businesses, and Margo has shown both with MaineWorks,” said Marilyn Geroux, SBA District Director for Maine. “The growth of Maine Works over the past few years is truly remarkable, and we could not be happier for Margo,” she added.

Ms. Walsh received mentoring from the Portland Chapter of SCORE, as she expanded her business, and was nominated for this award by Douglas Collins and Alan Shaver of the Portland Chapter of SCORE. MaineWorks has also received SBA loan assistance through Peoples United Bank.

"Margo Walsh embodies the true entrepreneurial spirit of Maine," said Nancy Stronjy, Chapter Chair of Portland SCORE. "She created a company that combines a social mission with a for-profit enterprise. As a member of her SCORE mentoring team, I am delighted MaineWorks has been named as SBA Small Business of the Year," she added.

“Margo’s “passion” for her business stems from her commitment to those she employs,” said Alan Shaver, Business Mentor for the Portland Chapter of SCORE. “For her, this is more a “vocation” than an occupation. She cares deeply about the people for whom she provides employment and finds joy in their success,” he added.

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



Margo Walsh of MaineWorks, LLC.

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