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## **SBA Invites America's Small Businesses to Share Their Story** *Call for Award Nominations Now Open Ahead of 2020 National Small Business Week*

**FORT WORTH** –[The U.S. Small Business Administration](#) is now accepting nominations for its 2020 National Small Business Week Awards, including the annual Small Business Person of the Year. For more than 50 years, National Small Business Week has celebrated the inspiring achievements of America's small businesses and the countless contributions they make to their local communities, and to our nation's economy.

"We are proud to recognize the small business owners that have made it their mission to support their communities and drive the entrepreneurial spirit forward," SBA Acting Administrator Chris Pilkerton said. "A National Small Business Week award is one of the nation's highest honors for small business achievement. Please take a moment to visit [sba.gov/nsbw](http://sba.gov/nsbw) to nominate a deserving small business owner in your area. I wish all of our nation's small businesses the best of luck and look forward to their nomination."

SBA Awards given in celebration of National Small Business Week from May 3-9, 2020 include the following:

- **Small Business Person of the Year**
  - One from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Guam.
- **Small Business Exporter of the Year**
- **Phoenix Awards for Disaster Recovery:**
  - Phoenix Award for Small Business Disaster Recovery
  - Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Public Official
  - Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery, Volunteer
- **Federal Procurement Awards:**
  - Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year
  - Small Business Subcontractor of the Year

- Dwight D. Eisenhower Awards for Excellence (for large prime contractors who use small businesses as suppliers and contractors)
- 8(a) Graduate of the Year
- **Awards to SBA Resource Partners:**
  - Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Excellence and Innovation Center Award
  - Women's Business Center of Excellence Award
  - Veterans Business Outreach Center of the Year
- **Jody C. Raskind Lender of the Year**
- **Small Business Investment Company of the Year**

Additionally, the Dallas/Fort Worth District Office is seeking nominations in the following categories for local awards:

- **Family-Owned Business of the Year**
- **Entrepreneurial Success of the Year**
- **Young Entrepreneur of the Year**
- **Financial Services Champion of the Year**
- **Home-Based Business Champion of the Year**
- **Minority Business Champion of the Year**
- **Veteran Business Champion of the Year**
- **Women Business Champion of the Year**
- **District Director Award Winner of the Year**

All nominations must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. EST, Jan. 7, 2020. All nomination packages must be hand delivered or mailed to the Dallas/Fort Worth District Office located at 4300 Amon Carter Blvd., Fort Worth, Texas 76155. Email submissions of SBA Awards forms will not be accepted as they contain personally identifiable information (PII).

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### **About the U.S. Small Business Administration**

The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow or expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).