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SBA Honors National Small Business Champions

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Fifteen small business owners and leaders of small business support organizations were hailed today by the U.S. Small Business Administration for their outstanding support of entrepreneurs. The 15 Champion Awards were presented today in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual observance of *National Small Business Week*.

The Champion Awards were presented at the Champion Award Winners Luncheon, sponsored by Sam's Club.

"The SBA is proud to honor these men and women as true champions of small business, whose tireless efforts have provided tangible and significant support to small businesses and to their communities," said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills. "They provide the counseling, advice and support that small business owners need, and foster an environment in which the spirit of entrepreneurship can flourish."

This year's Champion Awards recognize winners from Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wisconsin. For more detailed information on all the winners please go to <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com/> and click on Winners

The winners are:

2009 National Financial Services Champion

Marilyn Landis
President & CEO
Basic Business Concepts, Inc.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2009 National Veteran Champion

Charles M. Baker
President & CEO
MCB Lighting & Electrical & Government
Logistics Solutions
Owings, Maryland

2009 National SBA Young Entrepreneurs

Stephen C. Voudouris
Christopher R. Francy
Andrew S. Voudouris
Owners
Xoxide, Inc.
Malvern, Pennsylvania

2009 National Exporter of the Year

Andrew Kruse
Executive Vice President for
Business Development
Southwest Wind Power
Flagstaff, Arizona

**2009 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned
Business of the Year**

Timothy S. Parker
President
Harbor Industries, Inc.
Grand Haven, Michigan

**2009 National Home Based
Business Champion**

Nancy Reading, Jenny Cox
Barb McGann, Kris Simeona
Founders
Small Business Incubation Center
Cedar Edge Medical, LLC
Blanding, Utah

2009 National Small Business Journalist

Joanne Quinn Smith
President
Dreamweaver Marketing
Positively Pittsburgh Live Magazine
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2009 National Minority Champion

Eddie G. Davis
Principal
DaLite & Associates, LLC
St. Louis, Missouri

**2009 National Women in
Business Champion**

Laurie Benson
CEO & Co-Founder
Inacom Information Systems
Madison, Wisconsin

2009 Entrepreneurial Success

Avinash Rachmale
President & CEO
Lakeshore Engineering Services, Inc.
Detroit, Michigan

For additional information on Small Business Week 2009, including a full schedule of events and information on all award winners, go online to www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com.

Editors – please note: A complete list of all award winners also is available on the National Small Business Week Web site at

<http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com> and click on Winners.

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