

2010 Massachusetts Financial Services Champion Award

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Every year since 1963, the President has proclaimed National Small Business Week to recognize the contributions of small businesses to America's economy.

During Small Business Week, to be held May 24 thru May 28, 2010, the SBA will honor exceptional small business owners and advocates in Washington, D.C.

In Massachusetts, we will celebrate the achievements of our state award winners with an event next year.

Who Qualifies?

Individuals who assist small businesses through advocacy efforts to increase the usefulness and availability of accounting or financial services may be nominated.

Evaluation Criteria

A complete nomination package must contain all of the following:

1. A single cover page with —
 - nominee's full name, title, business, home, e-mail and Web site addresses, telephone, fax number
 - award for which the nomination is being made;
 - nominator's name, title, place of business, business and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers; and
 2. A digital photograph of the nominee.
 3. A brief biography of the nominee.
 4. A nomination letter, not exceeding three pages.
 5. Any other support documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation, and other evidence of the suitability of the nomination. Support documentation must not exceed ten pages. Videos will not be considered.
 6. A completed *Award Nomination Consent Form* (SBA Form 2137).
 7. A completed *Award Nomination Form* (SBA Form 3300).
- In addition, the nomination package **must** address each of the following evaluation criteria separately with a narrative describing how the nominee meets or exceeds each of the elements.
8. Outside of regular business duties, the amount and quality of assistance given small businesses to obtain financing.
 9. Advocacy of changes in the financial services industry to assist small companies.
 10. Encouragement of the flow of investment capital to small ventures.
 11. Active support for legislative or regulatory action designed to help small firms.
 12. Other significant contributions through the financial services or accounting industries to advance small business interests.

Note: The judges will score the nomination packages in this category by carefully reviewing elements 8-12.

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