

2010 Massachusetts Veteran Small Business 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 have fulfilled a commitment to advancing small business opportunities for veterans of the U.S. armed forces may be nominated. Nominees may or may not be veterans.

Evaluation Criteria:

A complete nomination package must contain all of the following:

1. A single cover page with —
 - the nominee's full name, title, business and home addresses with telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address and website.
 - the award for which the nomination is being made;
 - the nominator's name, title, place of business, business address and telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address; and
 - a one-paragraph description of the nominee's business
 2. A digital photo of the nominee.
 3. A nomination letter from the person or organization submitting the nomination.
 4. A brief biography of the nominee.
 5. Any other support documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation, and other evidence of the appropriateness of the nomination. Support documentation must not exceed 10 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. Active support for legislative or regulatory action designed to help small businesses.

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9. Evidence of increased business opportunities for veterans as a result of the nominee's actions.
10. Advisory activities to improve awareness among veterans' groups of small business opportunities.
11. Advocacy of special consideration for veteran-owned small businesses in government policymaking.
12. Demonstrated success in obtaining support within the community for the establishment of veteran-owned small businesses.
13. Other accomplishments demonstrating the nominee's effective advocacy of veteran-owned small businesses.

Note: The judges will score nomination packages in this category by carefully reviewing elements numbered 8-13.

Contact Elizabeth Moisuk at 617-565-5569, or e-mail her at elizabeth.moisuk@sba.gov with questions. All nominations must be postmarked or hand delivered no later than November 16, 2009.