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## **Small Business Administration Seeks Nominations for 2010 Maine Small Business Awards**

**Augusta, Maine** – Nominations are now being accepted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for the 2010 Maine Small Business Person of the Year and other small business awards. Winners will be honored during the Maine Small Business Week celebration in May.

Awards will be presented in 10 categories. Any individual or organization dedicated to the support of the small business community may submit nominations for these prestigious awards. Award guidelines and nominations forms are available from the SBA Maine District Office by calling (207) 622-8382, or by visiting the SBA Website site at [www.sba.gov/me](http://www.sba.gov/me). **The Nomination deadline is Monday, November 2, 2009.**

The other awards include: Entrepreneurial Success Award, Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year, SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year, Small Business Exporter of the Year, Financial Services Champion, Minority Small Business Champion, Veteran Small Business Champion, Home-based Business Champion, and Women in Business Champion.

The Maine Small Business Person of the Year will also have the opportunity to participate in the National Small Business Week activities and meetings with government officials in Washington, DC, and will compete for the National Small Business Person of the Year Award.

Champion awards are presented to persons who have used their professional skills or personal talents to further public understanding and awareness of small business. Candidates must have taken an active role in creating opportunities to promote the interests of small business. Persons nominated for Champion awards need not be an entrepreneur.

For more information about the SBA Small Business Awards, contact Marilyn Geroux at (207) 622-8382, or by e-mail at [marilyn.geroux@sba.gov](mailto:marilyn.geroux@sba.gov).

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