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TRAPPER CLARK – THOMAS STURTEVANT NAMED MAINE SMALL BUSINESS PERSONS OF THE YEAR BY THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Augusta, Maine – Three small business owners and a women’s business advocate are among the 2010 Maine small business award winners announced today by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Two of the four local winners have also been selected to receive regional awards for New England.

Trapper R. Clark and Thomas Sturtevant, President and Corporate Vice President respectively of Alcom Inc. of Waterville, Maine, took on the challenge of starting a company whose business of making recreational trailers was difficult even in a good economic climate. In spite of having to overcome distribution logistics, being located in the easternmost part of the country, they have gone on to become a recognized national leader in their field.

Beginning with a core of 20 employees, Alcom has shown positive growth and revenue every year. With the opening of a new facility in 2010, Alcom will nearly double their current workforce. The popularity of their trailers reinforces the reputation of quality, associated with Maine products.

Clark, Sturtevant and the other award winners will be honored at an awards luncheon on Friday, May 14th at the Calumet Club in Augusta.

The other small business winners are:

Women in Business Champion of the Year (New England and Maine): Ruth Cash-Smith, Women’s Business Counselor, Women’s Business Center at CEI, Machias, Maine.

Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year (Maine and New England):

Phillip A. Lander, President, Atlantic Defense Company LLC, Westbrook, Maine.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Becky McKinnell, Creative Director/Founder, iBec Creative, Portland, Maine.

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**Friday, May 14, 2010 – 11 A.M. to 1
Calumet Club, Augusta, Maine**