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## **Philadelphia's NBC10 News Anchor Tracy Davidson to Host 2011 Eastern Pennsylvania Small Business Awards Ceremony** *SBA Accepting Award Nominations through December 3, 2010*

PHILADELPHIA –Philadelphia's NBC10 anchor and consumer affairs reporter Tracy Davidson will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 2011 Eastern Pennsylvania Small Business Awards Ceremony on May 26, 2011, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced today. The "SBA Day at the Ballpark" themed ceremony and luncheon will honor small business people and their supporters from the eastern 40 counties of Pennsylvania, recognizing them for their professional accomplishments and impact. The event will be held at "Chickie's and Pete's," a sports-themed restaurant and local favorite, at its Packer Avenue location—1526 Packer Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. The ceremony will be followed by a 1:05 p.m. Phillies game at nearby Citizens Bank Park. "The SBA is thrilled to have Ms. Davidson as emcee of its 2011 Eastern Pennsylvania Small Business Awards Ceremony," said Dave Dickson, SBA Philadelphia District Director. "Ms. Davidson's background reporting on consumer affairs and business-related issues is an outstanding fit for this event spotlighting excellence in our small business community."

The SBA's Eastern Pennsylvania Small Business Awards are an annual commemoration of the Presidentially-designated National Small Business Week, which will be held in 2011 in Washington, D.C. from May 18 through 20. As in years past, **the Pennsylvania Small Business Person of the Year and SBA award winners selected as national-level winners will be recognized nationally at the Small Business Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.**

**SBA's Philadelphia District Office is seeking nominations for the Eastern Pennsylvania Small Business Awards through December 3, 2010.** Ten award categories will be included in the May 26, 2011 ceremony: Small Business Person of the Year; Small Business Exporter of the Year; SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year; Family-owned Business of the Year; Entrepreneurial Success Award; Financial Services Champion of the Year; Home-based Business Champion of the Year; Minority Small Business Champion of the Year; Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year; and Women in Business Champion of the Year.

**To obtain a 2011 SBA Awards nomination package detailing selection criteria and containing step-by-step nomination instructions, contact the SBA, Attn. Jennifer Pilcher, Small Business Awards Coordinator, 1150 First Avenue, Suite 1001, King of Prussia, PA 19406, call 610-382-3084, e-mail [jennifer.pilcher@sba.gov](mailto:jennifer.pilcher@sba.gov), or download program guidelines at: <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com>.**

Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist Tracy Davidson anchors NBC 10 News at 5 PM. She delivers comprehensive consumer reports daily and is consistently hosting community events to help people manage their money, their careers and their personal information.

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