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Eagle Bronze Named Small Business Exporter of the Year 2007

Lander – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Monte Paddleford and Beverly Paddleford, as the Wyoming Small Business Exporter of the Year 2007, nominated by MJ Clark, Research Director of Wyoming Business Report. The award will be presented to them on Wednesday, May 2nd at the LEADER Corporation's weekly breakfast held at the Oxbow Restaurant which will start at 7:00am. Steve Despain, District Director, will be presenting this prestigious award.

This award is given to businesses making concerted efforts to increase public understanding of the importance of small business contributions to the economy and performs volunteer community service aimed at enhancing small business opportunity and growth and other achievements that exemplify the nominees' efforts to improve the understanding of the role of small business in the U.S. economy.

Eagle Bronze's objective is to be known as a foundry committed to integrity, loyalty and excellence and is renowned for its quality. It is said to be one of the largest foundries in the United States and is the largest producer of bronze monuments. Eagle Bronze has shipped fine art casting to clients throughout the US, Canada, Japan, Europe, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. The sculpture mix ranges from small jewelry-sized pieces through monumental castings in both bronze and stainless steel alloys.

Beginning as a family business, Eagle Bronze has kept the strength of its founder's ties alive in a new generation as daughters and sons-in-laws have grown up and come into the business.

The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

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