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SBA PORTLAND ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2010 SBA SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AWARDS

Portland, Ore. – SBA Portland District Director Harry DeWolf announces eight categories of winners for special recognition during the annual Small Business Week Awards Gala. The awards will be presented at the SBA Portland's Small Business Week Awards Gala, June 2, 2010, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland, Oregon. For information on attending the Gala, contact Sylvia Gercke at 503-326-5122 or Sylvia.gercke@sba.gov.

Each of the winners and champions went through a rigorous nomination and selection process and should be justifiably proud of this award from the SBA. "These winners were selected from among many strong finalists this year and I am very proud and honored to recognize and celebrate the entrepreneurial spirit and successes of our small businesses. Their contribution to Oregon's economy cannot be overstated. Small businesses continue to create new job opportunities and products to make all of our lives better," said SBA District Director Harry DeWolf. "These award winners and champions epitomize the powerful determination and drive of all small businesses across the Region and Portland District to bring us out of this economic recession and into prosperity. I am grateful for their efforts and commend them on the achievement of this special recognition," said SBA Region X Administrator Calvin Goings.

Winners

Small Business Person of the Year for Oregon
Steven Emery, President of Earth20

Small Business Development Center Service Excellence and Innovation Center Award
John Lopez, Director for Rogue Community College SBDC

Jeffery Butland Family-Owned Business Award for the NW Region and Oregon
Raymond Lackey and Troy Lackey, Material Science Corporation

District Impact Award
Mort Bishop III, Pendleton Woolen Mills

Minority Small Business Champion of the Year for the NW Region and Oregon
Blake Devine, Project Manager of the Skanska USA Boost Program

Women in Business Champion of the Year for the NW Region and Oregon
Maggie Finnerty, Executive Director & Clinical Law Professor, Lewis and Clark Small Business Legal Clinic

SBA Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for the NW Region and Oregon
Millard James Willis, Director of Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

Home-based Business Champion of the Year for Oregon
Shawn Winkler-Rios, Executive Director, Entrepreneurial Development Services eDev

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