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SBA Honors National Small Business Champions

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Thirteen small business owners and leaders of small business support organizations were hailed today by the U.S. Small Business Administration for their outstanding support of entrepreneurs. The Champion Awards were presented today in Washington, D.C., as part of the annual observance of *National Small Business Week*.

"The SBA is proud to honor these men and women as true champions of small business, whose tireless efforts have provided tangible and significant support to small businesses and to their communities," said SBA Administrator Karen G. Mills. "They provide the counseling, advice and support that small business owners need, and foster an environment where the spirit of entrepreneurship can flourish resulting in growth and job creation."

This year's Champion Awards recognize winners from Arizona, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Mexico, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin. For more detailed information on all the winners please go to http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com/ and click on Winners.

The Champion Awards were presented at the Champion Award Winners Gala, sponsored by VISA.

The winners are:

2010 National Financial Services Champion

Mark David Peterson President Bridgeway Capital, Inc. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2010 National SBA Young Entrepreneur

Dan Price CEO Gravity Payments Seattle, Washington

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2010 National Veteran Champion

Lloyd Calderon Director New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services Veteran Business Development Office Albuquerque, New Mexico

2010 National Exporter of the Year

Dan Nanigian President Nanmac Corporation Framingham, Massachusetts

2010 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year

Carl Treankler Director Larry Treankler Partner Terry Hanstedt Partner Gary Lofquist CEO, Partner MCL Industries, Inc. Pulaski, Wisconsin

2010 National Home Based Business Champion

Boyd L. Wright Owner Wright Made Products Grand Forks, North Dakota

2010 National Minority Champion

Eddie Reyes HUB Coordinator University of North Texas Denton, Texas

2010 National Women in Business Champion

Carolyn Brown CEO The Accountant's Office Chandler, Arizona SBA Press Release 10-31 page 3...

2010 Entrepreneurial Success

Robert A. Pancake II Managing Member Steven W. Wheat Managing Member High 5 LLC Buffalo Wild Wings Bear, Delaware

For additional information on Small Business Week 2010, including a full schedule of events and information on all award winners, go online to <u>www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com</u>.

Editors – please note: A complete list of all award winners also is available on the National Small Business Week Web site at

http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com and click on Winners.

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