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NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2009 NOMINATIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

NOVEMBER 14, 2008 - DEADLINE DATE

Each year during National Small Business Week, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognizes outstanding small business owners for their contribution to the American economy and society. The President has declared May 17-23, 2009 as National Small Business Week.

SBA is currently accepting nominations for several SBA award categories including the 2009 Small Business of the Year Award. The Fresno SBA Office services the fifteen Central California counties. Trade associations, chambers of commerce and business organizations frequently sponsor candidates. A business owner may also nominate themselves or other candidates.

In 2009, National Small Business Week will honor the estimated 26.8 million small businesses in America. Business entrepreneurs throughout the Central California area will also be honored during Small Business Week with many local events. Through the work of entrepreneurs, jobs are created, families are given a better life and whole communities are transformed. Please join us in the National Small Business Week celebration.

Nomination criteria and deadline dates for all award categories can be found by visiting the SBA website at www.sba.gov/ca/fresno "Spotlight "section or by contacting Melende Ward of the Fresno SBA Office at (559) 487-5791, ext 143.

This is an opportunity to recognize an individual or an organization dedicated to the support of the small business community. Please send all nominations to the U. S. Small Business Administration, 2719 N. Air Fresno Drive, Suite 200, Fresno, California, 93727, Attn: Melende Ward.

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