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2008 Small Business Award Winners for Virginia Announced by SBA

RICHMOND, Va. Seven individuals have been selected to receive awards by the U.S. Small Business Administration at the annual Small Business Awards Luncheon to be held in Richmond on Friday, May 2, 2008, in observance of National Small Business Week.

Each year the President of the United States designates one week as National Small Business Week in recognition of the small business community's contribution to the American economy. The 2008 observance of National Small Business Week is April 21-23 in Washington, D.C. where more than 100 outstanding small business owners from around the country will be honored and the National Small Business Person of the Year will be announced.

Virginia's Small Business Week event, to be held in Richmond on Friday, May 2nd, will honor Virginia's Small Business Person of the Year along with five other award winners. Nominations for all of the awards were accepted last fall, and winners were selected by an independent panel of judges. Those to be honored at the Virginia awards luncheon include:

2008 VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR:

**Shawn Christopher Boyer, President and CEO
SnagAJob.com, Inc.
Glen Allen, VA**

2008 SMALL BUSINESS EXPORTERS OF THE YEAR:

**Charles L. Fuqua, President
Steven S. Kahre, Vice President
Patriot3, Inc.
Fredericksburg, VA**

2008 FINANCIAL SERVICES CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

**John R. Canosa, Jr., Assistant Vice President
Surrey Bank & Trust
Mount Airy, NC**

2008 VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

**Michael E. Melo, President
ITA International, LLC
Yorktown, VA**

2008 SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Hampton Roads Small Business Development Center
Jim Carroll, Director
Chesapeake, VA**

2008 JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

**Joseph M. Kelleher, Jr., President
Kelleher Corporation
Richmond, VA**

Kelleher Corporation has also been selected as the Region III winner of the 2008 Jeffrey Butland Family-owned Small Business of the Year award which honors a family-owned business that has been in existence for a minimum of 15 years and that has been passed on from one generation to another. Region III includes the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Mr. Kelleher will also be presented with the Regional award at the Virginia luncheon on May 2nd.

Ronald Bew, district director of SBA's Richmond District Office, congratulated all of the award winners, saying, "The individuals we are honoring on May 2nd represent the finest traits of American entrepreneurial spirit and we are proud to recognize their accomplishments."

For additional information on National Small Business Week festivities, and for a list of winners, visit the SBA Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/sbw/>. Additional information on the 2008 Virginia Small Business Awards Luncheon is available at http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/va/news/VA_SBAAWARDS.html. For more information about all of the SBA's programs for small businesses, visit the SBA's extensive web site at www.sba.gov/va.

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