



News Release

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LSBDC Clients Receives Statewide Recognition

(Baton Rouge-May 29, 2008) The Louisiana Small Business Development Center (LSBDC) is proud to have worked with five of the twelve 2008 Louisiana Small Business Award recipients to help them achieve their business goals. These state-wide awards were presented by the Louisiana Economic Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration in a ceremony at the Governor's Mansion, May 29, 2008. LSBDC congratulates our clients and nominees who received this prestigious honor.

Scott Allen of Supreme Machine in Ruston won the **2008 Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year** award and is one of the **District winners from the Northeast Region**. Allen was nominated by the Louisiana Tech University Technology Business Development Center. The LSBDC worked two years with Allen helping him improve the efficiency and productivity of his machine shop, which builds customized machine parts.

Julie Pleasant, Vice President and Relationship Manager at J.P. Morgan Chase in Monroe won the **Financial Services Champion of the Year** award. She was nominated by the LSBDC at University of Louisiana at Monroe for her diligent work with helping small businesses obtain financing to start and run their operations. Pleasant works in partnership with the LSBDC at ULM in helping entrepreneurs build their businesses.

Calvin Mills of C&V Technologies of Louisiana, LLC in Baton Rouge won the **Minority Small Business Champion of the Year** and is the **District Winner for the Capital Region**. Mills was nominated by LSU Business and Technology Center. Mills has been a client of LSBDC Technology Center since 2003. LSBDC consultants assisted Mills with a business plan, financial projects, marketing research, a loan package, and government procurement guidance.

Toby Traylor and Ann Johnson of Lea's Lunchroom in Monroe and Lecompte won the **Jeffrey Butland Family-owned Business of the Year** award. They were nominated by the LSBDC at University of Louisiana at Monroe. LSBDC consultants assisted this well-known Lecompte restaurant in opening a second location in Monroe.

Charles Monroe Adams of Tempco Insulation, Inc. in West Monroe is one of the **District Winners for the Northeast Region**. Adams was nominated by the LSBDC at ULM. Adams who comes from a family of entrepreneurs began his installation business at the age of 17 in 1977. He started the company with a \$16,000 bank loan and one other employee. 30 years later, the company has sales of \$2.5 million and 25 full-time employees.

Woodrow J. Wilson, Jr. of Gulf South Animated Motion Technologies, Inc. won the **2008 Small & Emerging Business Development Outstanding Client Comeback Award**. He was nominated by the City of Baton Rouge/East Baton Rouge Parish. Wilson relocated his business to Baton Rouge from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. LSBDC Technology Center at LSU in Baton Rouge assisted Wilson with financial projections in order to secure financing for a new product line.
