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Annapolis Firm Takes Top SBA Honor in Maryland *SBA Announces Local Small Business Week Award Winners*

BALTIMORE– The highly anticipated list of 2011 Maryland Small Business Week Award Winners was released today by Stephen D. Umberger, District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's Baltimore District Office. Virginia Williams, President of ArchScan, LLC in Columbia, Md., has taken top honors as the 2011 Maryland Small Business Person of the Year. (Complete list below.)

Winners will be honored at the 2011 Maryland Small Business Week Awards Breakfast to be held Friday, May 20th at Martin's West in Woodlawn, Md. Awards will also be presented to the SBA Baltimore District Office's Top Ten Lenders and Top Community Development Corporation (504 loan program lender).

Each year the President of the United States declares national Small Business Week in celebration of the contributions the small business community makes to the nation's economy. The SBA holds an annual awards competition to recognize outstanding small business owners and the champions who support them. The three-tiered program seeks nominations from every SBA District Office in the country. Nominees compete within their own Districts; winners advance to the Regional competition and then finally compete at the National level. National Small Business Week activities will be held during the week of May 16th in Washington, DC.

For more information on the 2011 Maryland Small Business Week Award Winners or the SBA, contact Rachel Howard by telephone at (410) 962-6195 Ext. 330, or by email at rachel.howard@sba.gov. For information on the 2011 Maryland Small Business Week Awards Breakfast or for tickets, visit the event website at www.mdsbaawards.org.

2011 Maryland Small Business Week Awards Winners

Small Business Person of the Year: Virginia Williams, ArchScan, LLC, Annapolis, Md.

Family Owned Small Business of the Year: Linda Sue Comer, Comer Construction, Inc., Forest Hill, Md.

Small Business Exporter of the Year: Lin Hwang, J & R Seafood, Cambridge, Md.

Maryland Accountant Advocate of the Year: Tom Bowman, Bowman & Co., CPA PC, Columbia, Md.

Women in Business Champion of the Year: Alexander Jean Loudon, Sonic Omnimedia, Thurmont, Md.

Minority Small Business Champion of the Year: Louis Fields, African American Tourism Council of MD

Financial Services Champion of the Year: Annie Geiermann, The Columbia Bank, Columbia, Md.

Entrepreneurial Success of the Year: Warren Wiggins, W.W. Contractors, Inc., Baltimore, Md.

Maryland District Director's Unsung Hero Award: Eileen Buchannan, SCORE Chapter #3, Baltimore, Md.
Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year: Jerry Boden, MD Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Annapolis, Md.
Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Josh Notes, Jason Jannati & Matej Harangozo, GreeNEWit, Columbia, Md.
Top Ten Lenders: M & T Bank, CommerceFirst Bank, BB & T Bank, PNC Bank, Susquehanna Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Wilshire State Bank, SunTrust Bank, CapitalSource Bank, K Bank
Top CDC (504) Lender: Business Finance Group, Inc.

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