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2009 SBA Annual Award Winners



Small Business Person of the Year:
Craig Faust – HGI Company, LLC



Veteran Small Business Person:
**Carl Bogar – Workforce
Development Center**



Young Entrepreneur:
**Latoya Robbins
X-Cite Childcare**

At the 2009 Small Business Administration Annual Awards, the Small Business Administration (SBA) honored three local business people for their commitment to small business in the State of Wisconsin as a result of nominations made by Business Lending Partners, a division of RCEDC. These award winners were not only honored at the award ceremony, but had the opportunity for a private audience with President Barack Obama in Washington, D.C. Local award winners were Small Business Person of the Year: Craig Faust, HGI Company, LLC – Burlington; Young Entrepreneur: LaToya Robbins, X-Cite Childcare – Racine; and Veteran Small Business Person: Carl Bogar, Local Veteran Representative – Racine. Congratulations to all the award recipients.

The SBA was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the Federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA recognizes that small business is critical to economic recovery and strength, to building America's future, and to helping the U.S. compete in today's global marketplace. The SBA mission is simple: to help Americans start, build and grow businesses. Annually, they recognize those small businesses that stand out as leaders in the small business community. These awards include Small Business Person of the Year, Emerging Small Business Person, Jeffrey Butland Family Owned Small Business, SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year, and many more.

Business Lending Partners serves to promote business development throughout the State of Wisconsin by providing business owners with secondary financing options for eligible projects. For more information, please contact Carolyn Engel, Business Finance Manager at (262) 898-7420.