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SBA South Dakota Announces 2024 National Small Business Week Award Winners

SIoux FALLS – This week, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) [Administrator Isabel Casillas Guzman](#), the voice in President Biden’s Cabinet for America’s more than 33 million small businesses, announced the [National Small Business Week](#) (NSBW) 2024 Award Winners, comprised of business owners, lending partners, and advocates who embody the grit and determination that power our nation’s economy and ensure disaster-impacted communities can recover. This year’s NSBW will take place April 28-May 4, 2024.

“Our 2024 National Small Business Week award winners exemplify excellence, innovation, and commitment, and the SBA is proud to showcase their incredible achievements and impact on their communities and our economy,” **said Administrator Guzman**. “National Small Business Week is the nation’s opportunity to lift up the amazing entrepreneurs, small business advocates, local partners, advisors, lenders, and investors who support America’s entrepreneurial spirit and the historic Biden-Harris Small Business Boom.”

The NSBW Award Ceremonies will take place April 28 - 29, 2024 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Washington, D.C., where Administrator Guzman will recognize the national award winners and individual state winners, and announce the top honor of **National Small Business Person of the Year** from among the individual state winners. The week-long National Small Business Week celebration will also feature a [virtual summit](#) co-hosted by SCORE, mentors to America’s small businesses.

According to SBA Regional Administrator Aikta Marcoulier, the Rocky Mountain Region including Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming includes some of the most rural business sectors in the entire U.S. “Amplifying small businesses during National Small Business Week showcases the collective impact being made across our region and beyond including strong economy states like South Dakota. Small businesses are the economic engine of America, creating jobs for the majority of the working population and the goods and services we all rely on in our daily lives.”

“National Small Business Week is an opportunity each year for SBA and our vast network of economic partners to showcase top performers in the small business space,” said Jaime Wood, SBA South Dakota District Director. “Our network works diligently to ensure there’s equity and access to opportunity for small businesses across South Dakota. This year’s Small Businesses of the Year recipients are a wonderful representation of backgrounds and

varieties of industries that comprise South Dakota's nearly 90,000 small businesses – both urban and rural.”

2024 SBA South Dakota Small Businesses of the Year Awardees:

Small Business Persons of the Year

Nick & D. Greg Heineman, Co-owners, Look's Marketplace, Sioux Falls

Women Owned Small Business of the Year

Julie Wingen, Pain & Movement Solutions, Belle Fourche

Veteran Owned Small Business of the Year

Monika & Peter Johncour, Timber Ridge Campground, Keystone

Minority Owned Small Business of the Year

Obed Garza, Garza Insurance Agency, Sioux Falls

Small Business Exporter of the Year

Tim & Vivian Houghton, H-S Precision, Rapid City

Family Owned Small Business of the Year

Stuart Stein, ESCO Manufacturing & Stein Sign Display, Watertown

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Hillarey Warner, HH Design, Britton

Small Business Government Contractor of the Year

Darrell Brotsky, Dakota Plains Electric, Eagle Butte

Small Business Advocacy Champion of the Year

Jodi Schwan, Founder/Owner, SiouxFalls.Business

There are several activities planned during NSBW across the U.S. with event information at www.sba.gov/nsbw. In South Dakota, a Small Business Government Contracting and Exporting Seminar is scheduled for April 30, 2024, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Black Hills State University campus in Box Elder. An awards presentation for NSBW SBA SD recipients is included in the event. The public may register for the event at: [2024 Small Business Week Contracting & Exporting Seminar #NSBW | U.S. Small Business Administration \(sba.gov\)](https://www.sba.gov/2024-small-business-week-contracting-exporting-seminar-nsbw)

The SBA South Dakota District Office and partner network will host a virtual SBA SD 2024 Small Businesses of the Year Ceremony, featuring statewide awardees, on May 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. (CT). The public may join the event at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86523210477?pwd=rqy3B9fqUmrwyu80zKYQGMBx8u0KO3.1>.

For more information about National Small Business Week, visit www.sba.gov/NSBW. Media interested in scheduling interviews with Administrator Guzman should contact press_office@sba.gov.

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For additional National Small Business Week information visit www.sba.gov/NSBW.

About National Small Business Week

In the spirit of National Small Business Week, we celebrate the unprecedented growth of entrepreneurship in the United States, marked by 16 million new business applications since the Biden-Harris Administration took office. This surge highlights the dynamism and innovation that America's entrepreneurs bring to our local communities. The SBA will continue to champion the endeavors of small businesses and the vital role they play in driving economic prosperity across the nation.

About SCORE

SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, is dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow, and achieve their goals. Since 1964, SCORE has provided education and mentorship to more than 11 million entrepreneurs. SCORE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps power the American dream of business ownership. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start, grow, expand their businesses, or recover from a declared disaster. It delivers services through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

