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## ***SBA Associate Administrator for Government Contracting and Business Development Joseph Jordan to Speak at Small Business Awards Luncheon***

*San Diego, CA* – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that its Associate Administrator Joseph Jordan will address the attendees at the 2009 San Diego Small Business Awards Luncheon, presented by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Prior to joining SBA, Jordan was an engagement manager with McKinsey & Company, a major consulting firm, where he specialized in developing purchasing and supply management strategies for businesses. He also was in the company's public sector practice advising state governments on purchasing practices. Before entering the financial world, Jordan was an associate producer on the MSNBC news program "Hardball with Chris Matthews."

The Associate Administrator's remarks will take place on Wednesday, May 27, the 2009 Small Business Awards Luncheon to be held at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, Mission Valley San Diego. The Program starts 12:00 noon to approximately 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. In addition, Associate Administrator Jordan will speak to the media at 1:45 p.m.

"As America celebrates 56 years of SBA's existence, this is an excellent opportunity to honor the small businesses that have helped make our nation great," says SBA San Diego District Director Ruben Garcia. "SBA has helped well over 20 million Americans start, grow and expand their businesses, placing tens of billions of dollars in loans into the hands of entrepreneurs in all sectors of the economy. Small business ownership continues to be the enduring symbol of the American Dream."

The *2009 Awards Luncheon* offers San Diego County entrepreneurs the opportunity to connect with local business and community leaders, lenders and other small business owners and to celebrate the tremendous contributions made by the counties top entrepreneurs.

For more information go to [www.sdchamber.org](http://www.sdchamber.org) or call 619-544-1370.

## 2009 SBA AWARDS

SBA will present awards to the following San Diego area business owners and champions:

### Small Business Person of the Year

- Christine McDannell, Cleanology, Inc.
- *Nominated by:* Self Nominated

### Family-Owned Small Businesses of the Year

- Eric J. Barajas, NEI Contracting & Engineering, Inc.
- *Nominated by:* Patty Staples, Neighborhood National Bank

### Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year

- Gale L. Walker, Children of the Rainbow, Inc.
- *Nominated by:* Patty Staples, Neighborhood National Bank

#### Small Business Exporter of the Year

- Ken Kuang, Torrey Hills Technologies, LLC
- *Nominated by:* Self Nominated

#### Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year

- Michael Patton, Pothos, Inc.
- *Nominated by:* Self Nominated

#### Women-Owned Small Business of the Year

- Judith L. Seid, Blue Summit Financial Group, Inc.
- *Nominated by:* Shane Johnston, Blue Summit Financial Group, Inc.

#### Young Entrepreneur of the Year

- Swarna J. Srinivas, KESDEE, Inc.
- *Nominated by:* BV Nagaraja, KESDEE, Inc.

#### Entrepreneurial Success Award

- Hany M. Girgis, SGIS High Impact Solutions
- *Nominated by:* Ms. Caryn Badea, SkillStorm, Inc.

#### Financial Services Champion of the Year

- Steven C. Leibold, San Diego Business Advisors
- *Nominated by:* Ken Clark, Southwestern College - Small Business Development Center

#### Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

- Mark R. Oakes, Transformation Quest
- *Nominated by:* Ken Clark, Southwestern College - Small Business Development Center and Joseph Molina, MiraCosta College - North San Diego County SBDC

#### Small Business Journalist of the Year

- Ditas D. Yamane, National City Times and Filipino and D. R. Marketing & Promotions
- *Nominated by:* Ken Clark, Southwestern College - Small Business Development Center

#### Veteran Business Champion of the Year

- Corrina B. Brennan, Family Member Employment Assistance Program  
Marine & Family Services Camp Pendleton, CA
- *Nominated by:* Joseph Molina, MiraCosta College - North San Diego County SBDC

#### 2009 National SCORE Chapter of the Year

- San Diego SCORE Chapter 140

#### 2009 George P. Chandler, Jr. Award:

- Kurt Chilcott, CDC Small Business Finance

#### 2009 SBA Lender Awards

- Kurt Chilcott, CDC Small Business Finance  
Small Business Lender of the Year (504 loans)
- SBA Division, U.S. Bank  
Small Business Lender of the Year (7(a) loans)

2009 SBA Community Service Award:

- ACCION San Diego

2009 SBA Contractor of the Year

- Faith Bautista, SDAS Promo Inc.

2009 Sub-Contractors of the Year (*Prime to Sub-Contractor Awards*)

- Yowell International presented by General Dynamics, NASSCO
- MetalMaster, Inc. presented by Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems

Additionally, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce will recognize 10 outstanding San Diego area businesses.

Media Invited to Small Business Awards Luncheon

Media attendance is encouraged. Please contact SBA's Cynthia Harris at (619) 727-4884.

Note: Lunch is complimentary for members of the press.

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*NOTE: More detailed descriptions of each small business winner are available. Please call Cynthia Harris, SBA, at (619) 727-4884 or email your request to [cynthia.harris@sba.gov](mailto:cynthia.harris@sba.gov).*