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## SBA Announces the 2024 National Small Business Week Awards Winners for Massachusetts

**Celebration to be held Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Andover**

**BOSTON, MA** – The U.S. Small Business Administration’s Massachusetts District Office today announced the 2024 National Small Business Week awards winners from across the Commonwealth.

“This year’s slate of winners represent the gritty, diversely talented and industrious Massachusetts small businesses and lending partners that continue demonstrating entrepreneurial success and perseverance throughout every season in New England,” **said Bob Nelson, SBA Massachusetts District Director**. “Our awardees exemplify excellence, innovation, and commitment, and the SBA is proud to showcase their incredible achievements and impact on their communities and our economy. Please join me in celebrating their success.”

Winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony event hosted by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Doubletree Andover.

### **SBA’s 2024 Massachusetts District Small Business Week Awardees:**

Small Business Person of the Year  
Stephanie Vanderbilt  
Coastal Windows & Exteriors  
[www.mycoastalwindows.com](http://www.mycoastalwindows.com)  
Lawrence, MA

Minority Owned Business of the Year  
Jose G. Perez, CEO  
Roads Consulting Group  
[www.roadscg.com](http://www.roadscg.com)  
East Boston, MA

Veteran Owned Business of the Year  
Jason C. Dyer, Owner  
Freedom Fuel LLC  
[www.freedomfuelma.com](http://www.freedomfuelma.com)

Raynham, MA

Woman Owned Business of the Year  
Gisela Velez, Owner  
Central Mass Retina and Uveitis Center  
[www.velezretina.com](http://www.velezretina.com)  
Ayer, MA

Microenterprise of the Year  
Kim Meninger, Founder, Leadership Coach and Consultant  
Executive Career Success LLC  
[www.kimmeninger.com](http://www.kimmeninger.com)  
Groton, MA

Homebased Business of the Year  
Natasha Goldman Homan, President  
Wissen Inc.  
[www.natashagoldman.com](http://www.natashagoldman.com)  
Worcester, MA

Small Manufacturer of the Year  
Dr. Aaron Birt, CEO & Dr. Sean Kelly, COO  
Solvus Global  
[www.solvusglobal.com](http://www.solvusglobal.com)  
Worcester, MA

Financial Services Champion of the Year (Massachusetts & New England)  
Matt Collins, Vice President  
Granite State Economic Development Corporation  
[www.granitestatedev.com](http://www.granitestatedev.com)

Family Owned Business of the Year  
Darryl A. Wickens, Chief Sports Officer  
Tyngsboro Sports Center  
<http://www.tyngsborosportscenter.com>  
Tyngsboro, MA

Young Entrepreneur of the Year  
Callie E. Mignault, Founder  
Callie's Creations  
[@callie.m33 on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/callie.m33)  
Peabody, MA

Exporter of the Year (Massachusetts & New England)  
Michael E. Montemagno, President  
Diamond Antenna and Microwave Corporation  
[www.diamondantenna.com](http://www.diamondantenna.com)  
Littleton, MA

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