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### **SBA South Carolina Announces 2019 National Small Business Week Winners**

**Winners to be Recognized at Salute to Small Business Awards Luncheon**

**Columbia, S.C.** - The SBA South Carolina District Office has selected the 2019 National Small Business Week winners for state. All awardees will receive recognition at the 2019 Salute to Small Business Awards Luncheon on May 1 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The winners for the 2019 Salute to Small Business Awards are:

#### **National Awards**

**Small Business Person of the Year**

Adam Huneau, [Alodia's Cucina Italiana](#) - Lexington, SC

**Small Business Exporter of the Year**

Boyd & Nicole Johnson, [Boyd Cycling](#) - Greenville, SC

**Small Business Development Center Excellence & Innovation Award**

[Beaufort Small Business Development Center](#)

\*Also a Southeast Regional Award Winner

#### **State Awards**

**Rural Small Business Person of the Year**

Hemalata Patel, [Courtesy Managements of Orangeburg](#) Inc. - Orangeburg, SC

\*Also a Southeast Regional Award Winner

**South Carolina Female Small Business Person of the Year**

Karen Jenkins, [KRJ Consulting](#) - Columbia, SC

**South Carolina Minority Small Business Person of the Year**

Srikanth Kodeboyina, [Blue Eye Soft](#) - Greer, SC

**South Carolina Veteran Small Business Person of the Year**

Date Sutcliffe, [Vetfriends LLC](#) - Mount Pleasant, SC

**South Carolina Young Entrepreneur of the Year**

Kathryn Couch, [Pink Stable](#) - Camden, SC

**South Carolina 8(a) Firm of the Year**

Alex Lo, [Seres Engineering & Services](#) - Mount Pleasant

**South Carolina Federal Procurement Agency of the Year**

[U.S. Forest Service](#) - Columbia, SC

**Lender Awards**

**South Carolina 7(a) Lenders of the Year**

7a Lender Dollar Volume #1-[Live Oak Bank](#)

7a Lender Dollar Volume #2-[United Community Bank](#)

7a Lender Number of Loans #1-[TD Bank](#)

7a Lender Number of Loans #2-[Wells Fargo](#)

**South Carolina 504 Lenders of the Year**

504 Lender Dollar Volume #1-[Appalachian Development Corporation](#)

504 Lender Dollar Volume #2-[Provident Business Financial Services](#)

504 Lender Number of Loans #1-[Provident Business Financial Services](#)

504 Lender Number of Loans #2-[Appalachian Development Corporation](#)

**South Carolina Microlenders of the Year**

Microlender Dollar Volume #1-[Charleston LDC](#)

Microlender Dollar Volume #2-[CommunityWorks Carolina](#)

Microlender Number of Loans #1-[Charleston LDC](#)

Microlender Number of Loans #1-[CommunityWorks Carolina](#)

**South Carolina 3rd Party Lender of the Year**

[TD Bank](#)

[Salute to Small Business](#) is a National Small Business Week event that is organized by the SBA South Carolina District Office, South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, SCORE, South Carolina Research Authority, Small Business Development Center, and the South Carolina Department of Commerce. The event starts off with a Procurement Matchmaker in morning, followed by the awards luncheon in the afternoon.

"Our goal is to honor and recognize our winners for their hard work and dedication to advancing the small business community," said Gregg White, District Director for the SBA South Carolina District Office. "Most importantly, we appreciate the jobs and

opportunities they continue to create for the South Carolina economy. We also value our lenders who provide the funding that is necessary for businesses to start, grow, and expand."

Each year since 1963, the president has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of National Small Business Week. [National Small Business Week](#) will be observed May 5-11, 2019, with events in Washington, D.C., around the country and online.

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### **About the U.S. Small Business Administration**

The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. 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 or 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](http://www.sba.gov).