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NATIONAL COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2006 SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNITION AWARDS

March 30, 2006 – The National Steering Committee (NSC) for the Small Business Ombudsman/Small Business Environmental Assistance Programs (SBO/SBEAP) recognized several award winners during its 3rd Annual Small Business Recognition Awards Ceremony, Monday, March 27. The ceremony was held during the 13th annual National SBO/SBEAP Conference at the Mt. Washington Hotel & Resort in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire.

Kimberly Chesser, Small Business Ombudsman for Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and Jim Simpson, of Walker Concrete Company, McDonough, Georgia were each recognized with the **Small Business Assistance Program Award** for their exemplary performance in providing assistance to small businesses.

Ms. Chesser developed an innovative self-certification program addressing all of the environmental regulations pertaining to the auto body sector in Delaware. This program encourages a "beyond compliance" approach including pollution prevention, energy efficiency and best management practices.

Mr. Simpson is a volunteer on Georgia's Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel and works with regulatory agencies to help Georgia's concrete product industry understand rules and regulations that apply to their sector.

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) was recognized with the **Trade Association Environmental Leadership Award** for exemplary performance and leadership by a trade association to enhance its members' compliance with environmental regulations and to encourage stewardship of the environment. Shaun P. Carroll, President/Owner, Carroll Concrete Co. and Member of the Board of Directors for the NRMCA, accepted the award on behalf of the association.

AJ's Auto Repair, of Salem, Oregon received the **Small Business Environmental Stewardship Award** for exemplary performance and leadership in pollution prevention by a small business. Robert Anderson, co-owner of AJ's Auto Repair, who serves on Oregon's Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel, accepted the award on behalf of his company.

In recognition and appreciation of Karen V. Brown, the US EPA Small Business Ombudsman, for her many years of outstanding leadership and support of the state small business assistance programs, the NSC established a new award category this year called the **Karen V. Brown Environmental Leadership Award**. A surprised Ms. Brown graciously accepted the award.

For more information about the about the National Small Business Awards Recognition Program, visit the 2006 awards web page at http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/sba/awards_smallbusiness_2006.html. The web page is maintained by Audrey G. Zelanko, CTC, as part of the Small Business Environmental Home Page.