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SBA Administrator Honors Nation's Top Small Businesses

Winners to be formally recognized in Washington, D.C. on April 30 – May 1

RICHMOND – Administrator Linda McMahon, the head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, announces Corliss Udoema, President and CEO of Contract Solutions, Inc., headquartered in Manassas, Virginia, is the 2017 Virginia Small Business Person of the Year.

“It is my honor and distinct pleasure to announce the 54 winners from across the U.S. and its territories,” McMahon said. “These small business owners define entrepreneurial spirit and best represent the 28 million small businesses that are the backbone and economic engine for today’s economy. I look forward to welcoming the winners to Washington next month when they are officially honored for their achievements.”

Contract Solutions, Inc. (CSI) is a staffing and consulting company that provides professional support services to federal and state government agencies, and private sector clients. CSI’s primary areas of focus include: administrative, business, logistics, acquisition, human resources, training, and general management consulting support and services. Corliss Udoema founded the company in 2006 and has grown CSI from a one-person company operating from her kitchen table to a multi-million-dollar business. She is also founder and President of Agape Love in Action (ALIA), a non-profit organization which she established to assist those in need.

All of the winners have been invited to attend ceremonies in Washington, D.C on April 30 – May 1 where they will be honored with their individual award along with recognition of the three runners-up and the naming of the 2017 National Small Business Person of the Year.

Each year since 1963, the president has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of National Small Business Week. National Small Business Week is set as the first week in May, and this year the dates are April 30 – May 6 with national events planned in Washington, D.C., New York City, Indianapolis, Dallas and Fresno, Calif. to commemorate this special time.

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About the Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 and since January 13, 2012 has served as a Cabinet-level agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations, the SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. www.sba.gov.