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S.C. Chamber Announces Salute To Small Business Awards Winners

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The State Chamber today announced the winners of its annual Salute to Small Business awards. **The South Carolina Salute to Small Business** is the Palmetto State’s annual National Small Business Week event. Now in its 13th year, the 2016 Salute will be held **Wednesday, May 4**, at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in downtown Columbia. Small Business Week 2016 is May 1-7.

State Chamber President Ted Pitts congratulated winners on their awards: “The success stories represented by our award winners below demonstrate the importance of maintaining an environment in South Carolina where our small businesses can continue to thrive. That is why events like the Salute to Small Business, which honor those who have excelled and connect small businesses to opportunities for expansion are an important part of what we do at the Chamber. The State Chamber congratulates this year’s award winners and remains committed to ensuring that they, and all of our small businesses, are supported and heard at the Statehouse.”

2016 AWARD WINNERS:

South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year

JoAnne LaBounty
Spartanburg Meat Processing Co. Inc. Spartanburg, SC

Small Business Development Center Excellence and Innovation Center Award Region IV & South Carolina

Charleston Area Small Business Development Center
Charleston, SC

South Carolina Small Business Exporter of the Year

USA eShop
Columbia, SC

Female Business Person of the Year

Denise Thigpen/Wholesale Boutique, LLC
Myrtle Beach, SC

Veteran Business Person of the Year

Joseph Walker III/JH Development, LLC (DBA-Marco's Pizza)
Columbia, SC

Minority Business Person of the Year

James Jordon/Jordon Construction Company, LLC (JCC General Contractors)
Greenville, SC

Highlights for this year's Salute to Small Business Event

MATCHMAKER SESSION: The Matchmaker Session connects small business to large corporations for networking and business opportunity discussions. This session gives small businesses 15-minute one-on-one's with buyers from the state's biggest corporations and major government agencies throughout the East Coast. [More information and this year's participants here.](#)

AWARDS LUNCHEON: Join us for lunch as we honor the small business award winners from all across South Carolina. Awards are presented by Chamber president Ted Pitts and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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