

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SBA TO HONOR SUSAN ROSSOMANDO OF THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS 2006 VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS CO-CHAMPION OF THE YEAR**

PHILADELPHIA — Susan Rossomando, Manager of Project Development at the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce has been selected as the U.S. Small Business Association (SBA) Region III 2006 Veteran Small Business Co-Champion of the Year. The award is given to individuals whose efforts contribute to increasing business opportunities for veterans, increasing veterans' awareness of small business opportunities, and advocating on behalf of veteran-owned small businesses.

For the last year, Rossomando has worked to implement VETWORK YOUR BUSINESS, a Chamber program which helps veteran and service-disabled veteran business owners increase their visibility within the region and makes them aware of potential vending opportunities with large regional corporations.

Rossomando created and coordinated the first VETWORK Communications Session in January 2006 providing veteran-owned businesses with information from financing for growth to understanding the importance of registering their businesses in the Central Contracting Registry. The second VETWORK Communications Session will be held on Tuesday, March 28 in the Chamber offices at 200 South Broad Street in Philadelphia.

“This is a humbling honor and I am grateful that, through me, the SBA is recognizing the efforts of the Chamber in helping veteran-owned businesses become aware of opportunities,” Rossomando said. “I am proud to be associated with the VETWORK YOUR BUSINESS program because it lets us serve those who have bravely served their country. We hope that VETWORK will continue to grow to allow veteran-owned businesses to expand their network and find new avenues to success.”

The SBA has invited Rossomando to attend Small Business Week 2006 events in Washington, D.C. on April 12 and 13. Rossomando will also be honored at a ceremony at the SBA Philadelphia District Office on the morning of June 15 and later that afternoon, Rossomando will be recognized on the field at Citizens Bank Park when the Philadelphia Phillies play the New York Mets.

For more information on VETWORK YOUR BUSINESS, visit [www.greaterphilachamber.com](http://www.greaterphilachamber.com).

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