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## *President George W. Bush to Speak at 2006 SBA National Small Business Week*

**WASHINGTON** – The White House announced today that President George W. Bush will address attendees of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s *National Small Business Week*.

The President will deliver remarks on Thursday, April 13, at 10:50 a.m. in Atrium Hall at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.

“We are tremendously pleased that President Bush will help us commemorate National Small Business Week for the second year in a row,” said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. “Small business owners are certainly inspired to have the President, a true Champion of Small Business, join us in honoring America’s entrepreneurial spirit. Small businesses are essential to our nation’s continued economic growth.”

*Small Business Week 2006* (April 12-13) honors State Small Business Persons of the Year from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico, and recognizes businesses recovering from natural disasters, people who have helped others recover from natural disasters, small business lenders, small business contractors and contracting officers, and advocates for small businesses.

More than 100 outstanding small business owners from around the country will be honored at award events that will focus on the achievements of America’s top entrepreneurs. Four major award events will take place, culminating with the announcement of the National Small Business Person of the Year, and a tribute to small businesses recovering from natural disasters, including the recent hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast region.

Small business honorees reflect the full range of business products, services and innovations offered by our nation’s entrepreneurs, ranging from a cake bakery to a family health club; from a dairy farm to a manufacturer of components for Blackhawk helicopters.

To learn more about 2006 National Small Business Week, please visit [www.sba.gov/sbw](http://www.sba.gov/sbw).

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