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**SEBAC and Bloomberg/Eagle Eye Publishers
Announce Recipient of 2009-2010 Award for Excellence
In Awarding Small Business Prime Contracts**

Washington, D.C., November 19, 2010: The Small Environmental Business Action Coalition, Inc. (SEBAC) and Bloomberg/Eagle Eye Publishers, Inc. are pleased to announce the recipient of its Award for Excellence in Awarding Small Business Prime Contracts. This year's recipient is the U.S. Department of the Army Office of Small Business Programs. SEBAC presents the award to recognize a federal agency's demonstrated commitment to small environmental business through its awarding of small business prime contracts. Ms. Peggy W. Butler, Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, will accept the award on behalf of the Office of Small Business Programs.

Each year, Bloomberg/Eagle Eye Publishers research procurement data specific to NAICS codes 562910 and 541620 among federal agencies; SEBAC then evaluates the data based on the number and quality of agency procurements and the agency's overall commitment to small businesses to determine the recipient of the Award of Excellence. This evaluation and award is based on a pre-established set of criteria which includes three key components:

- The agency's ability to meet or exceed projected goals for fiscal year;
- The agency's quality and quantity of small business awards; and
- The agency's progress towards improvement in attaining goals (percentage increase and/or proven improvement)

SEBAC is pleased to present the 2009-2010 Award for Excellence to the Department of the Army for its strong support of small environmental businesses as demonstrated by the significant improvement in the award of small business prime contracts within NAICS codes 562910 and 541620. Within these two NAICS codes, the Army increased its small business prime contract awards from 47.3% in 2008 to 57.3% in 2009. The Army also awarded 27% more environmental contract dollars to small businesses in 2009 versus 2008. This improvement demonstrates the Army's commitment to increasing the dollar value of small business

prime contracts for environmental services. The Army, and specifically the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, also improved the quality of its environmental procurements by issuing multiple solicitations with significant set-aside opportunities for small businesses.

SEBAC was formed to act as a unifying voice for addressing issues that face small environmental businesses nationwide. Membership is open to any small business that is primarily engaged in the environmental industry and has 500 or fewer employees. Member companies perform environmental investigations, design, engineering, remediation, operations and maintenance, and ordnance and explosives work with federal agencies.

On December 7, 2010, SEBAC will present the award to Ms. Butler during the SEBAC Networking Reception and Award Presentation at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas. This is the same venue as the SAME Small Business Conference for DOD Engineering, Construction and Environmental Programs. The event is open to SEBAC members and invited guests. Smith-Manus Surety Bonds, an Associate Member of SEBAC, will co-sponsor the networking reception.

For more information about the Award for Excellence visit the About Us page at www.sebac.org. To RSVP for the Award Presentation and Networking Reception, contact the SEBAC office at sebac@sebac.org or call 202-775-8400.

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