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South Carolina Small Business Week Welcomes SBA Administrator Linda McMahon

COLUMBIA, S.C. – [Administrator Linda McMahon](#), the head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, will be the keynote speaker for **South Carolina's Salute to Small Business event on May 2** at the Columbia Convention Center. Salute to Small Business is one of many National Small Business Week events happening throughout the country to honor the nation's top small businesses.

Registration for the event will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m. In the morning, small businesses will get a chance to connect with major corporations and government agencies to sell their products and services or they can seek help to prepare for procurement. In the afternoon, the state's best entrepreneurs, most dedicated business advocates, and top small business lenders will be recognized during the awards luncheon, presented by SBA and featuring Administrator McMahon as the keynote speaker.

"We are excited and proud of the 2018 South Carolina Small Business Person of the Year, Ronald David McNeil, owner of Hannah Solar Government Services," said Gregg White, SBA South Carolina District Director. "It will also be a momentous event considering Administrator McMahon will be our keynote speaker."

Salute to Small Business Partners includes the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina Department of Commerce, South Carolina Research Authority, South Carolina SCORE, and the South Carolina Small Business Development Center. The event will also feature various National Small Business Week partners.

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., Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

"It is my pleasure and honor to present these awards during National Small Business Week to these organizations who demonstrate what is possible," said Administrator McMahon.

For more information and to register for Salute to Small Business, visit <http://scsalutetosmallbiz.com>.

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