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Mr. Kent Frederick Schien  
President and CEO  
Innoventor, Inc.  
3600 Rider Trail South  
St. Louis, MO 63045

Dear Mr. Schien:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as the 2007 Missouri Small Business Person of the Year.

Your hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to your community have made you a success in your business and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is pleased to be able to recognize you for these achievements. As President Bush said, "America's small businesses are the engine that drives our economy." You can be proud of the role you are playing in our Nation's robust economic growth.

Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. National Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal successes and contributions to our Nation's economy. This year, SBA will honor an estimated 25 million small businesses in America. Small businesses represent more than 99 percent of all employers, provide 75 percent of the net new jobs, and generate a majority of American innovations.

As a State Small Business Person of the Year, you are invited to represent Missouri and your business during Small Business Week in Washington, DC. These events have been scheduled for April 23-24, 2007.

SBA has planned a series of events that should prove to be interesting, educational and enjoyable. You will receive additional information about Small Business Week 2007.

Again, congratulations. I look forward to meeting you during Small Business Week 2007.

Sincerely yours,

Steven C. Preston

Enclosures