



**A Top 50 Company**

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**The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) selects Innoventor, Inc. as the 2011 Region VII Prime Contractor.**

St. Louis, Missouri – Innoventor, Inc. is the recipient of the 2011 “Region VII Prime Contractor” award issued by The U.S. Small Business Administration. This award honors small businesses that have provided the government and industry with outstanding goods and services as prime contractors.

The award will be presented to Kent Schien, CEO of Innoventor, during the “**2011 National Small Business Week**” event that will be held in Washington, D.C. May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Every year since 1963, as part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration recognizes the special impact made by outstanding entrepreneurs and small business owners, which drives innovation, creates jobs and fosters U.S. competitiveness.

“It is really a privilege and honor to be recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration” says Kent Schien, CEO of Innoventor. “Innoventor is proud to receive this award and will continue to strive for excellence and innovative ideas that will drive our community, and ultimately our nation’s economic growth.”

Innoventor, a St. Louis area design/build engineering company, provides full turn-key integration and project management from concept, to design and development, to test, and to proof of concept fabrication with expertise in analysis, design and process. The company was founded in 1996 by CEO, Kent Schien.

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 30, 2011

Mr. Kent Schien  
CEO  
Innoventor, Inc.  
3600 Rider Trail South  
St. Louis, Missouri 63045

Dear Mr. Schien:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as the 2011 Region VII Prime Contractor.

Your hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to your community have helped you succeed. The SBA is pleased to recognize your achievements and your role in driving our nation's economic growth.

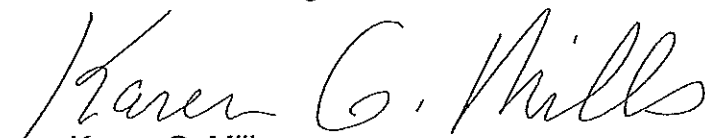
Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. National Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal successes and contributions to our nation. As you know, more than half of Americans who work either own or work for a small business.

As an award winner you are invited to attend the National Small Business Week celebration to be held in Washington, DC, May 18 – 20, 2011 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

The SBA has planned a series of events that will be interesting, educational, and enjoyable. You will soon receive additional information about National Small Business Week 2011.

Again, congratulations on your selection, and I look forward to meeting you in May.

With warmest regards,

  
Karen G. Mills

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May 2, 2011

Mr. Kent Schien  
CEO  
Innoventor, Inc.  
3600 Rider Trail South  
St. Louis, Missouri 63045

Dear Kent,

Congratulations on being named the SBA Small Business Week's Region VII Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year. Your professional achievements are impressive, and the success you have enjoyed is a testament to your work ethic and innovative vision.

I have enjoyed my visits to Innoventor. Your well educated and inspired workforce always reminds me why your company has, and will continue to succeed. This inspiration comes from the leadership you provide daily to your employees.

Kent, your work has been vital to the success of the St. Louis region, but just as importantly, you have consistently demonstrated a commitment to serve our community through your involvement with the Easter Seal Society and Life Skills. You have had a positive impact on the lives of your fellow citizens

Once again, I commend you on achieving this honor.

Sincerely,

Russ Carnahan  
Member of Congress

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