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SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS

Business recognized

ALBANY — The U.S. Small Business Administration and the New York Business Development Corp., along with participating lenders and economic developers, recently recognized Willsboro business **Earth Science Engineering, P.C.**, with the Excellence Award at the 9th Annual Small Business Excellence Awards luncheon and ceremony at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Colonie.

The business was among 20 successful small businesses representing a full range of products, services and innovations from Upstate New York that received awards. Businesses were selected based on a variety of criteria including growth, increased revenue, increase in employees, impact on the community, response to adversity, longevity and entrepreneurial leadership.

"These businesses may not be big in size, but their contributions to our economy are gigantic," said **Bernard J. Paprocki**, Syracuse SBA district director. "You rely on them for the products you use and the services you need. Their names are on little-league uniforms and their sponsor banners fly high over community events. The businesses we honor are part of the 25 million businesses across the nation that by their success contribute daily to our prosperity."

Earth Science Engineering was nominated by the New York State Small Business

Development Center North Country. Owned by **Douglas R. Ferris, P.E.**, the firm performs civil, environmental and geotechnical services. The firm has performed services for industrial, legal, governmental, private and municipal entities in upstate New York. Ferris has most recently launched a new company, **HUI, LLC**, to resurrect the Willsboro Bowling Center and surrounding commercial property.

The Small Business Excellence Awards ceremony is one of many events in local communities across the nation that celebrates National Small Business Week. Small businesses employ 51 percent of the private-sector workforce, or 57 million Americans. They create two out of three new jobs and produce 51 percent of the private-sector output.