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**U.S. Small Business Administration Names
Robert T. Brown
*Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year***



Santa Ana, CA – Robert T. Brown, owner of Robert Thomas Brown Company (RTBC), has been named the 2009 Veteran Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Santa Ana District Office. District Director J. Adalberto Quijada announced his selection and commended him for his commitment to improve the lives of veterans and increase opportunities through his work. Brown was nominated by Robert Yaap, a veteran himself and immediate past winner of this award.

Robert Thomas Brown Company was established in 1984 and was certified in 1990 as a CA Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise. Mr. Brown was one of the first Service Disabled Veterans (SDV) to certify his company with the State of California. RTBC is a professional consulting practice focusing on technology, engineering, manufacturing, human resources and training. RTBC employs only disabled or wounded warriors. Currently the company is involved in energy measurement and verification, with employees in the field daily auditing the results of energy saving programs. The company’s motto is “we walk the walk and talk the talk” of a disabled veteran owned company. The firm’s clients include corporations, and state and federal agencies.

Robert served in the U.S. Navy for 23 years, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 1979. His service included submarines, aircraft carriers, intelligence and school commands. Brown is president of the CA Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise Alliance and has worked tirelessly for veteran’s causes and SDV causes. The CA DVBE Alliance is a statewide organization formed to serve the needs of disabled veteran owned businesses and to assist the disabled veteran in becoming an entrepreneur. Currently, Brown is part of a team that is pursuing legislative changes at the state and federal levels related to contract bundling, bonding,

insurance, SDVOB set aside goals, etc. The team has met with their congressional representatives including Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Representatives Pelosi, Royce, Filner, McClintock, Calvert, Sanchez and Bono Mack.

Brown and other small business owners and champions will be honored at the 46th Annual Small Business Week Awards event on June 4th hosted by the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians in the Yuhaviatam Room at 777 San Manuel Blvd., Highland, CA. For more information, please contact Jennifer Hoff at 951-781-2345 ext. 246 or email her at jhoff@iesmallbusiness.com.