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### **CROBB BOX COMPANY NAMED 2008 MAINE JEFFREY H. BUTLAND SBA FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

Augusta, Maine – Crobb Box Company, located in Hancock, Maine, has been named the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Jeffrey H. Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year for 2008. Peter Leonard Richardson is President of the company. “Jeff Butland was the New England Regional Administrator at the time of his untimely death in 2004 and this national award was named in his honor. So this award has special meaning for Maine and New England,” said Sandy Blitz, SBA New England Regional Administrator. “I am pleased to see this third generation family business win this award,” he added.

“I was pleased to be nominated and am honored to receive this award on behalf of our entire company,” said Peter Richardson. “Our company has a fascinating history and I am proud of its humble beginnings. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful people, and with our recent expansion, we are well positioned to succeed in the increasingly difficult global marketplace,” continued Mr. Richardson.

Crobb Box Company is a sixty-six year old, third generation, family-owned business. The company was started during World War II by two gardeners and a carpenter operating out of the carpenter’s garage in Northeast Harbor, Maine. CROBB is the acronym representing its founding members. The “C” represents Irvington Clement who was the head gardener for Edsel Ford; the “R” is for Gerald Richardson (Peter Richardson’s grandfather) who was the head gardener for John J. O’Brien who married the widow of Roscoe B. Jackson, the namesake of the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. The “OB” is for John J. O’Brien who assisted in the creation of the company and the final “B” represents Horace Bucklin who was the carpenter. With great assistance from Edsel Ford, the Company built wooden boxes for Ford Motor Company to ship military trucks and parts to Europe.

The company has evolved from its “box factory” roots to become a wholesale manufacturer of Eastern White Pine lumber. It is respected within the industry and has a well-deserved reputation for producing consistently graded and well-manufactured products.

Richardson will be honored, along with the other winners, at the SBA awards celebration in Lewiston on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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