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Mr. Thomas K. Bowman, CPA
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Dear Mr. Bowman:

On behalf of the staff of the SBA Baltimore District Office, I would like to extend our congratulations on your selection as the **2011 Maryland Accountant Champion of the Year**. Maryland's small business community is fortunate to benefit from your strong leadership and your tireless advocacy efforts.

The award presentation will take place at the **2011 Maryland Small Business Week Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 20, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** at **Martin's West** in Woodlawn, MD. This is a spectacular event that celebrates the achievement of Maryland's outstanding entrepreneurs and small business advocates.

There are several pieces of information that we need from you to make this event happen. Rachel Howard will be in touch with you to verify the correct spelling of your name and that of your company for your award and the marketing materials. In addition, we are asking that you provide us with a listing of the names of individuals or organizations that you would like us to notify of your award and we will invite them to the ceremony. You will also receive a call from Media Dimensions, our audio visual vendor for the event, to schedule a photo shoot in preparation for the awards ceremony.

The public announcement of the award winners will be made on March 28, 2011 by SBA press release from Washington, DC. We ask that you refrain from issuing any personal press releases or distribution of this announcement until March 28th or later.

Again, congratulations on being selected. I look forward to seeing you and presenting you with your award on May 20th. Until then, if you have any questions regarding the event, feel free to contact Rachel Howard at (410) 962-6195, Ext. 330 or by email at rachel.howard@sba.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Umberger, District Director

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