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SBA Names Reginald C. Allen of Montezuma Georgia's Minority Small Business Person of the Year — *Company sales grew to over \$5.3 million in 2006*—

ATLANTA, Ga.—Reginald C. Allen, President of RCA Contracting Company Inc., of Montezuma, has been selected the 2007 Minority Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Georgia District Office.

Allen received the SBA annual award on Monday at the annual Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards Luncheon in Atlanta. MED Week is a collaboration of the SBA and the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This year's regional luncheon marked the 25th Anniversary of MED Week in the United States. MED Week is proclaimed annually by the President to recognize and promote the achievements of minority-owned enterprises and their supporters.

SBA Georgia District Director Terri Denison presented the 2007 award to Allen at the MED Week Luncheon which carried the theme: *Celebrating the Legacy of Innovation and Competitiveness*.

"Reginald Allen is an excellent example of someone who is contributing to the legacy of minority-owned business which is flourishing in Georgia," said Ms. Denison.

Established in 1999, RCA Contracting Company specializes in design build, renovations, painting, flooring, and building erection. In 2002, the company was approved for the SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program. Located in rural Macon County, Georgia, RCA Contracting has also been certified as a Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB Zone) business. Allen has used both of these programs to transition to prime contracting in the federal procurement arena.

Initially, the company focused on residential construction. Later, Allen sought subcontracting opportunities at various Air Force installations in Georgia, the National Park Service, and Weyerhaeuser. The City of Americus also provided some contracting opportunities.

Allen was born in Americus and graduated from Macon County High School. He was introduced to the construction business by his father who owned and operated a construction firm.

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After completing studies at South Georgia Technical Institute, Allen worked for his father's company as a supervisory. He then decided to go into business for himself, forming RCA Contracting.

Allen and his company have supported a number of civic projects including the Macon County Youth Recreation Department, Habitat for Humanity, the American Heart Association, and the American Cancer Society.

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