

Entrepreneur Lani Hay to be recognized by the Small Business Administration with the
2007 National Minority Small Business Person of the Year Award
at the 25th Anniversary of National MED Week Conference

Lani Hay, president and CEO of Lanmark Technology (LMT), Inc., will be awarded the 2007 National Minority Small Business Person of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration at its annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) conference in Washington, D.C. during the September 13-14, 2007 celebration event. The achievements of minority entrepreneurs and business leaders like Hay were recognized by the SBA and the Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency at this conference, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. These outstanding advocates for minority entrepreneurship and past award recipients will be honored for their contributions to the nation's economy.

"I am honored to receive this award because its very existence represents the progress our nation has made in helping minority enterprises to grow," said Hay. "Lanmark Technology's success is evidence that diversity can survive and thrive in the U.S. economy. My mission is to honor our nation's diversity and bring about social change with integrity and grace."

The National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) conference will also be a forum for business advice and guidance from government officials, Fortune 500 companies and educational institutions on how to become competitive in the federal and commercial marketplace using programs such as SBA's Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) program. The event will feature an Emerging Business Leaders Summit for young entrepreneurs and business plan competition. Steve Forbes, President of Forbes Magazine is the honorary chair of the event and Robert Unanue, President of Goya Foods, Inc. is the honorary co-chair.