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Jim Hutt of Hutt Inc. named 2017 West Coast Chamber Small Business Person of the Year

Tuesday, November 14: The Michigan West Coast Chamber recognized Jim Hutt of Hutt Inc. as the 2017 Small Business Person of the Year. The award was presented during the November 14, 2017 Wake Up West Coast Breakfast at Hope College's Haworth Inn & Conference Center.

Each year, the Chamber asks its members to nominate small businesses for the award. The Small Business Person of the Year Selection Committee reviews award nominations and selects an award recipient who has been in business for at least five years and who exemplifies the best of small business in our community. Nominees are judged based on an outstanding and growing business; innovative product(s), increasing jobs, increasing sales, overcoming adversity, and community contributions.

About Hutt, Inc:

Founded in 1985, Hutt Trucking Company began as a simple, small trucking business hauling refrigerated and frozen food products to the east coast. Incorporated by Jim and Ellen Hutt, and Bernard and Jean Hutt (Jim's parents), the company started with two employees, two trucks, two trailers and two customer accounts. After more than 30 years of hard work and dedication, Hutt has evolved and established itself as a leading supply chain services provider in West Michigan offering trucking, deep frozen warehousing, and third-party logistics services.

Owner and CEO, Jim Hutt is a 30+ year veteran of the temperature controlled transportation and warehousing industry, and the visionary behind Hutt's success and growth over many years. Hutt's strategy is not to simply be 'big', but rather the emphasis is to be 'sustainably good'. Since 2011, Gross Revenue has increased a little over twenty percent (20%), and just last month Hutt Logistics and Hutt Trucking announced the completion of an 81,000-square-foot expansion to its Hudsonville warehouse, that more than doubled the company's deep-frozen food storage capacity.

As a member of the West Michigan community, Hutt has added over (50) new jobs, growing from just under (60) employees in 2011 to over (115) employees as of September 2017. The company's strong emphasis on giving back includes sponsorship of several community festivals, and a long-standing commitment of providing storage facilities and donating transportation assets to Hungry for Christ Food Ministries.

Jim attended Hope College. He serves on the board of the Holland Zeeland Labor Day Truck Parade, and also served as President on the Delta Nu Alpha transportation club.

About the West Coast Chamber:

The Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce is the unified voice and leading advocate for 1,300 businesses representing 60,000 employees in the greater Holland/Zeeland area. The Chamber represents a broad segment of the business community; our role is to be a leader in and partner to the business community and the community at large.

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