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**RE: Three Lubbock Businesses Named Blue Ribbon Winners by U.S. Chamber;  
Top 100 in Country**

**LUBBOCK, Texas** – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that three Chamber members have been named 2016 Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Award competition.

[Bahama Bucks](#), [Benchmark Business Solutions](#) and [Live Oak Animal Hospital](#) have been recognized for their success, innovation and contributions to economic growth and free enterprise.

“We are proud to have such exceptional businesses in Lubbock and to call them Chamber members,” said Chamber Chairwoman Beth Bridges. “All three of these companies are outstanding representatives of the Lubbock business community.”

All Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners are in the running for the Community Excellence Award, which recognizes one business that has found notable success in the eyes of its community. The winner of that award will be decided through online public voting that opens tomorrow, February 18.

“Small businesses provide a powerful example of what’s possible in our free enterprise system. Day in and day out, these companies exemplify the strong American values of hard work, innovation, persistence, and entrepreneurship,” said U.S. Chamber President and CEO Thomas J. Donohue. “The Chamber is proud to recognize these tremendous small businesses for all of their achievements.”

On March 9, the U.S. Chamber will announce seven regional finalists from among this year’s Blue Ribbon Small Business Award winners—13 of which are from the state of Texas.

All of the 2016 winners will be honored at the 12th annual America's Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C. During the summit, one regional finalist will receive the DREAM BIG Small Business of the Year Award, and a \$10,000 cash prize courtesy of the U.S. Chamber.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,000 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. The Chamber has twice earned the distinguished 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is a two-time Chamber of the Year recognized by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

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