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KANSAN TOP WINNER IN SBA BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Washington, D.C. -- David Kimbrell, President, Hall-Kimbrell, Inc., Lawrence, Kansas, today was named Second Runner-Up for the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Small Business Person of the Year Award, according to Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Landon Kassebaum. Kimbrell was presented the award in a White House ceremony this afternoon with President Reagan.

"We are very proud of David Kimbrell and his efforts," said Senator Dole. "This award exemplifies the American Dream: starting a small business, making it grow, watching it prosper."

Kimbrell, 36, was previously selected as SBA's Small Business Person of the Year for Kansas. He operates a leading environmental management firm in Lawrence, with offices throughout the United States. The firm specializes in environmental engineering and analytical testing for hazardous materials. They employ 550 people and generate revenues of \$40 million annually.

"This award is one that every Kansan can be proud of," said Dole. "Recognition that you are one of the top small business people in the United States is a reflection of the high caliber of small business activity we have in Kansas."