



March 23, 2011

Ms. Patricia Ann Thomasson  
CEO  
Thomasson Company  
P.O. Box 490  
Philadelphia, MS 39350

Dear Ms. Thomasson:

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected as Mississippi's U.S. Small Business Administration 2011 **Small Business Exporter of the Year**. Your hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to your community have made you a success in your business and SBA is pleased to be able to recognize you for these achievements.

Each year since 1963, the President has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of Small Business Week. National Small Business Week recognizes outstanding small business owners for their personal successes and contributions to our Nation's economy. On a national level, SBA will honor the nation's top small business entrepreneurs with events in Washington, D.C., May 18-20 during National Small Business Week.

As an award winner, we will honor you on a statewide level with our other outstanding winners at an awards reception to be held June 14th at the Mississippi e-Center located at 1230 Raymond Rd. in Jackson. Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the event will kick-off at 6:00 p.m. Dress is business/business casual. A directional map to the facility and contact number regarding local lodging is available online at <http://www.mscenter.com/Map.pdf>.

We're expecting an enjoyable time for all and look forward to celebrating with you in June. If, in the interim, you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bridget Johnson-Fells at (228) 863-4449, ext. 225. Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Janita R. Stewart  
District Director

cc: Jessica M. Gordon