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Cortland County Business Wins SBA Small Business Excellence Award

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – One local small business was recognized during National Small Business Week at the U.S. Small Business Administration’s 21st Annual Small Business Excellence Awards luncheon in Syracuse on Monday, May 6th. Small businesses are selected for the Excellence Awards based on their company’s longevity, innovation, sales growth, increased employment, ability to overcome adversity or community contributions.

NBT Bank presented a 2019 Small Business Excellence Award to Forkey Construction and Fabricating Inc., owned by Charlie Forkey Jr. and Charlie Forkey III at 3690 Luker Road in Cortland.

“I began working with the Forkey family in 2007. As their banker, I have always been impressed by their financial success and their vision for the future. The Forkey family and their company are proof that the American dream is alive and well, and NBT Bank is honored to be part of their journey,” said nominator Kellyanne Truesdale, NBT Bank vice president.

“It is very humbling to be selected for this award. The opportunity to work as a family to build our business, create career opportunities for our team, and have a positive impact on our community is priceless. We are thankful to our customers and our hardworking team, and we appreciate NBT Bank’s partnership and support as we have grown over the years,” said Forkey Construction and Fabricating Inc. owners Charlie Forkey Jr. and Charlie Forkey III.

“The 21st Annual Small Business Excellence Awards luncheon gives us the opportunity to celebrate our business community leaders for their small business successes,” said Bernard J. Paprocki, SBA Syracuse district director. “Small business owners develop deep community connections, provide the critical backbone of our economy, employ local residents, and contribute to the vibrancy and innovation of our nation.”

The [U.S. Small Business Administration](#)’s 2019 [National Small Business Week](#) (NSBW) was held May 5-11 and is an annual event dedicated to recognizing the nation’s top small businesses, entrepreneurs, small business advocates and champions from across the country. Every day, small businesses create 21st century jobs, support our neighborhoods and cities, and increase America’s global competitiveness.

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About the U.S. Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration makes the American dream of business ownership a reality. As the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government, the SBA empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners with the resources and support they need to start and grow their businesses. It delivers services to people through an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations. To learn more, visit www.sba.gov.

Forkey Construction and Fabricating Inc., photo caption from left to right: James Conroy, NYBDC; Jeff Lake, NBT Bank; Charlie Forkey Jr., Forkey Construction and Fabricating Inc.; Charlie Forkey III, Forkey Construction and Fabricating Inc.; Kellyanne Truesdale, NBT Bank; and Bernard J. Paprocki, SBA.

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