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Carroll businesses saluted

November 21, 2008 – For the second year in a row, the Department of Economic Development and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce joined together to salute successful and growing Carroll businesses. A special awards program and dinner was held at The Portico at St. John's in Westminster on November 20th. Guest speaker, noted Maryland Public Television's *Your Money & Business* host, Jeff Salkin addressed the crowd of nearly 130.

Economic Development chose the following categories and award winners: Design Award -Hampstead Marketplace, B&G Hampstead, LLC; Business Expansion - General Dynamics Robotic Systems, Inc.; New Business – GSE Systems, Inc.; Small Business – Karen Barbour, The Barbour Group, LLC; Agriculture -Lippy Brothers, Inc.; Tourism - Thierry Bompard, Co-Owner, Best Western Inn and Conference Center; and Workforce Development - Random House, Inc.

Director Lawrence Twele said “It is an honor for us to recognize and applaud the valuable contributions that these businesses make to Carroll County. Capital investment and job creation drives local economic growth and these outstanding businesses are a key factor in our success.”

The Chamber of Commerce recognized seven businesses in the following categories: “Small Business of the Year with 1-5 Employees” awards were given to bluehouse architecture, llc; Crawford Insurance and Pelton Marketing Services, LLC.

“Small Business of the Year with 6-50 Employees” awards went to Carroll Occupational Health, LLC; InfoPathways, LLC and Terry's Tag & Title Service, LLC.

And the Chamber's “Small Business of the Year with 51-200 Employees” was awarded to the Carroll County Times.

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