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Commerce Secretary Evans Honors Businesses For Export Achievements

U.S. Commerce Secretary Don Evans today presented sixteen businesses with the U.S. Commerce Department's "E" Award for Excellence in Exporting. The award recognizes U.S. businesses and organizations that are clients of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Commercial Service and have used their services to achieve outstanding growth and innovation in exports or export service.

"These awards demonstrate what can be accomplished through public-private sector cooperation," Evans said. "The Bush Administration is committed to helping grow our economy by boosting exports from small and medium-sized firms such as these. When we help these businesses grow by guiding them through the export process, they in turn help the economy and create high-paying jobs for the working people of America. I thank them all for doing a job that is so valuable to the American economy."

The sixteen companies receiving "E" Awards today are: Da Vinci Gourmet of Seattle, WA, Kingsbury, Inc., of Philadelphia, PA, JQ American Corporation of Hayward, CA, Duhn Tool Oil, Inc. (Wellhead) of Bakersfield, CA, Roberts Irrigation Products, Inc. of San Diego, CA, Nature Plus, Inc. of Stratford, CT, Black Hawk College, Int. Trade Center of Moline, IL, Environmental Dynamics, Inc of Columbia, MO, Zoni Language Centers of New York, NY, NY University of New York, NY, Taylor Lumber of McDermott, OH, Melton Truck Lines, Inc. of Tulsa, OK, ALHU International, Inc. of El Paso, TX, Miox Corporation of Albuquerque, NM, Fresno City College Export Center of Fresno, CA, and the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce of Cincinnati, OH.

The U.S. Commercial Service, is a Commerce Department agency that helps small and medium-sized businesses sell their products and services globally. The U.S. Commercial Service network includes 107 domestic and more than 150 international offices in 83 countries. In 2001, the U.S. Commercial Service helped U.S. businesses generate export sales worth more than \$34 billion. For more information on the U.S. Commercial Service, please visit www.buyusa.com or call the U.S. Export Assistance Center in Cincinnati at 513-684-2944.