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### **Maryland Business Wins SBA Veterans' Award U.S. Chamber Small Business Council Member**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council member, Wayne M. Gatewood, Jr., has been selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration as the 2003 'Veteran Advocate of the Year' for the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Gatewood, a Landham, MD, businessman, is president and chief executive officer of Quality Support Inc.

“Wayne Gatewood has tirelessly pushed for job growth in the veteran-owned small business community,” said Giovanni Coratolo, U.S. Chamber director of small business policy. “Small business owners deserve credit for being the agents of job and economic growth in our country.”

As a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Council, Gatewood serves as the point person on issues concerning veteran small business matters. He has testified on behalf of the Chamber before the subcommittee of the House Committee on Small Business about Veterans' Entrepreneurship and the Small Business Act.

“Wayne Gatewood has worked tirelessly on behalf of veteran-owned small businesses,” said Joseph P. Loddo, district director for the Small Business Administration's Washington office. “He is dedicated to the pursuit of expanding opportunities for veterans in the small business community.”

Gatewood, a retired master sergeant and service-disabled veteran, joined the U. S. Marine Corps in June 1966. While serving 21 years of active duty, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Wayland Baptist University and a Master of Science degree in International Relations from Troy State University.

In 1989, he established Quality Support, Inc., a technical, management and administrative support services firm with over 100 employees. Some of his clients include the U.S. Department of the Army, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of the Navy, U.S. Department of State, and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

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