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SOC Enterprises Presents 2010 Awards and Elects New Board Members at Annual Meeting

SOC Enterprises, Inc., an Arlington based non-profit organization that provides employment and vocational services for adults with disabilities presented several Enterprise Awards, Service Awards and a special Honor Award at its Annual Meeting on September 15, 2010 at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Conference Center in Arlington.

SOC presented its annual Enterprise Awards, recognizing the outstanding contributions made by individuals and companies who advance employment opportunities for people with disabilities to the following:

The Arlington Knights of Columbus received the Community Enterprise Award with Arlington Club Manager Jessie Corning accepting on their behalf; Arlington Realty, Inc. received the Commercial Enterprise Award; the Bureau of Engraving and Printing received the Government Enterprise Award with MelodiA Phillips; Corporate Immersion, a project with the Department of Labor, received the Workforce Diversity Enterprise Award with Billy Wright accepting; Omar Durrani received the Supported Employee Enterprise Award and Rama Shankar received the Ability One Contract Employee Award.

Service Awards recognizing years of employment were presented to 33 SOC employees including Carol Mack and Bruce Weaver, both of whom were recognized for thirty years of employment with SOC Enterprises.

A special SOC Honor Award was presented to Dennis Brown, Director of Contract Services for the Fairfax/Falls Church Community Services Board, for his outstanding 35 year tenure helping people with disabilities receive quality services and achieve employment.

New board members voted to serve a three-year term include: Christine Nyirjesy Bragale, Robert Cunningham, Allison Foster, Joseph Muskett, Carolyn Oxenford, Donald Park, Reba Pittman Walker and David Metzger.

In addition to its commercial businesses located in Arlington and Herndon, Virginia that employ more than 60 individuals with disabilities, SOC also operates nine Ability One government work sites throughout the region. SOC programs assist people with disabilities, wounded warrior veterans and TANF recipients to find and sustain community jobs.

SOC's newest program, *Vets Ready2Work*, has signed up 41 service disabled veterans and in its first year of operation, placed 11 individuals in community jobs.

SOC Enterprises, Inc. is an Arlington based non-profit community rehabilitation center that provides job training, employment and supportive services to people with disabilities. To find out more about SOC, call 703-521-4441 or visit www.socatwork.org.

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