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Kevcon, Inc. Named SBA 2011 Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year

Escondido, Calif., July 11, 2011 – Kevcon, Inc., a firm that specializes in providing general contracting and construction management services for federal, state and city government projects, recently received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for being named the 2011 San Diego District Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Signed by Congressman Brian P. Bilbray, who serves California's 50th District, the certificate acknowledged the burgeoning Escondido-based firm's impressive achievement on a national level and placed a spotlight on its overall business success, including its phenomenal 500 percent annual average growth rate in one of the worst economic downturns in recent history.

"It is an honor to be acknowledged by a prestigious organization like the SBA for the innovative thinking and dedication to excellence that have been key to Kevcon's success. It is equally thrilling to receive congressional recognition for our accomplishment," says Kev Kutina, owner and president. "Both the award and the congressional commendation are meaningful because they help substantiate that we are a bona fide veteran-owned business that is doing a great job on many levels and effectively serving as an example of the positive role that veterans can play in strengthening and improving today's challenging economy."

Since its founding by Kutina, a former aerospace engineer who retired from the Marine Corp with 25 years in service, Kevcon, Inc. has pursued a diverse range of government projects across the country, including U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals, clinics and national cemeteries, among other types of facilities. In recent years, the firm, which averages \$24 million in annual sales, has managed to quadruple in size during the recession that has overwhelmed the construction industry. Most importantly for Kutina, however, is the firm's unwavering commitment to hiring veterans to manage and execute all of its projects.

"We are veterans doing work for other veterans," Kutina notes, "and it is inspiring to be recognized by Congress for the effort we put forth not only to do exemplary work on their behalf, but also to be an industry leader that is building our business in a way that will have a lasting impact on our nation's financial well being."

Jeni Burgess, vice president and senior business relationship manager with Wells Fargo Bank,

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nominated Kevcon, Inc. for the Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year Award, which was presented to company during the Small Business Week Awards Luncheon, hosted in June by the SBA and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and held at the Town & Country Resort & Convention Center in Mission Valley. The celebratory event saluted small businesses and small business advocates from across San Diego and Imperial counties and drew nearly 800 attendees.

About Kevcon, Inc.

Founded in 1988, Kevcon, Inc. is a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business that offers construction and engineering, construction management, design-build services and more for a wide array of federal, state and city government projects, including veterans' medical facilities, national veterans' cemeteries, community parks and education buildings. As a veteran-owned, controlled and operated company, the firm is dedicated to employing qualified veterans who possess the applicable education, experience and skill to support Kevcon's core competency. The recipient of the 2011 San Diego District Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Kevcon is recognized in the industry for its exemplary work, high ethical and safety standards and outstanding customer service. For more information, call (760) 432-0307 or visit www.kevcon.us.

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