



## Member Good News

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### **Professional Service Firm of The Year Awarded to Seagull Environmental Technologies**

**Seagull Environmental Technologies, Inc.** has been selected as the "2007 Professional Service Firm of The Year" by the Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week, an activity that is organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

This Top 10 Small Business provides services in emergency response, counter-terrorism activities, Superfund site assessments, removal oversight, preparedness and prevention activities, Oil Pollution Act responses, environmental remediation, homeland security services, and more. Seagull president Hieu Vu says the company's mission is to "improve the quality of life of our families, our communities, and our environment."

Seagull's staff includes a highly skilled, professional staff of engineers, geologists, biologists, environmental scientists, asbestos/mold inspectors, and licensed well drillers/pump installers. Hieu says the success of a company starts with development of its employees and providing a quality work environment. Both he and his wife are Vietnamese refugees who came to this country to pursue freedom and dreams, Hieu says. As such, they're both committed to providing a "high quality of life to our employees and their families."

"One person, one idea, can make a difference," Hieu says. "I'm passionate about the environment. ... So every time we respond to a chemical release – small or large, every time we finish a job, or clean up a hazardous waste site, I feel like we contribute to saving lives."

Seagull's revenues grew by 36 percent in 2006; the number of employees has grown by 30 percent each of the last two years. But Hieu says success should be measured not just by "a financial matrix, but based on what you believe and how much you accomplish from it."