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Secret Named Small Business Person of the Year

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The U.S. Small Business Administration named Robert “Luke” Secret, founder and president of **Advanced Foundation Solutions, LLC**, “**The Basement Guys™**,” the 2005 District Small Business Person of the Year.

The awards presentation took place Wednesday, April 20, in Columbus and recognized Secret and other category winners selected among nominees from 60 northwestern, central and southern Ohio counties.

“It is such an honor to receive this award,” Secret said. “As an entrepreneur, much devotion and perseverance has gone into the growth of the company. This honor is also a tribute to my employees. I could not have received this recognition without their dedication over these past few years.”

Secret founded Advanced Foundation Solutions, LLC, “The Basement Guys™,” in 2000 to challenge the competition by providing superior customer service and craftsmanship in the basement waterproofing and foundation remodeling industry for residential and commercial customers.

By expanding the company’s services beyond basement waterproofing and foundation repair, Secret initiated a 1,000 percent increase in revenue over the past few years. His staff has grown to approximately 50 employees.

Secret plans to bring The Basement Guys™ into other Ohio markets within the next few years.

Advanced Foundation Solutions, “The Basement Guys™,” is a leader in its industry and is the only full-service basement waterproofing and foundation repair company in central Ohio. The company serves

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residential and commercial customers within a 60-mile radius of Columbus. Founded in 2000, The Basement Guys™ provides basement waterproofing, foundation stabilization, piling, wall reinforcement, excavation, downspout installation and repair, sump pump replacement and repair, concrete driveways and patios, commercial drainage and site work services. It is a proud member of industry organizations such as the National Association of Waterproofing and Structural Repair Contractors (NAWSRC) and the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). It is the recipient of the 2004 Family Business of the Year Award. For more information, visit www.thebasementguys.com.

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