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## Cloutier honored by Mayors Conference

Low Beach Road summer resident George Cloutier was recently honored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors with its first-ever Leadership Award.

In his speech after accepting the award, Cloutier called for all mayors, politicians and presidential candidates to offer specific proposals and solutions on how to help small businesses in this country.

"Small businesses supply 99.6 percent of all employer units, about half the gross national product and create two-thirds of the country's jobs. It's about time we do something for small businesses, one of the major engines of our economy," he said. "Politicians talk, propose and procrastinate and when something does happen, it will be too little, too late for the small businesses in our metro economies."

Cloutier is founder, chairman and CEO of American Management Services and chairman of Partner America. American Management Services specializes in the implementation of turnaround and profit improvement programs for small and mid-sized companies.