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### **Small Business Week Awards Include Interpreters Unlimited**

*SBA San Diego District Office Recognizes Interpreters Unlimited for Growth through Acquisition*

SAN DIEGO, April 2, 2018—Interpreters Unlimited, Inc. announced today that its President, Sayed Ali is the recipient of the SBA San Diego District Director's Award for Growth Through Acquisition in this year's Small Business Week Awards. Ali has lead all operations since he first acquired the company in 2007 and over the last 11 years, expanded to three states and increased revenue exponentially.

Laura Harolde, director of client relations at Interpreters Unlimited, nominated Ali for the award. Ali, who was the recipient of last year's Minority-Owned Business of the Year Award, continues to advocate for minority communities through volunteer work and offering pro-bono services to refugees.

"It's an honor to receive this award. Even though much of our business expansion is attributed to acquisitions, the growth of our team is truly the most valuable," says Shamus Sayed, vice president and chief operating officer of Interpreters Unlimited.

The SBA Small Business Week Awards recognize and honor stand-out companies in the United States. Nominations for the award are submitted by businesses and organizations nationwide. Locally, the San Diego District Office reviews and selects winners for the following categories:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year
- SBA District Director's Award for Growth in the Technology Sector
- SBA District Director's Award for Growth through Licensing Agreements
- SBA District Director's Award for Growth through Acquisition
- Anthony Vigil Award for Staying Power
- SBA District Director's Award for SBA Mission Support
- Financial Services Champion of the Year
- Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

Specifically, the District Office Awards require nominees to present examples of business success and community involvement. Winners will be awarded at an Awards Luncheon, hosted by the SBA on May 3, 2018 at the San Diego Marriott in La Jolla.

Interpreters Unlimited is a national language services company serving every major industry, including government, healthcare, education, legal, insurance, and financial organizations.

For more information about Interpreters Unlimited, please call 800-726-9891 or visit [www.interpretersunlimited.com](http://www.interpretersunlimited.com)

#### **About Interpreters Unlimited, Inc.**



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The IU Group of companies include: Interpreters Unlimited, Accessible Communication for the Deaf, Albors & Alnet and Arkansas Spanish Interpreters and Translators, and are headquartered in San Diego, California as a minority-owned company. IU Group is committed to providing equal opportunity in the work environment with its diverse team to aid in supplying linguistic and cultural interpretation services to clients. A combined 70 years in the industry has demonstrated a surplus of leadership and best practices, which has helped establish its respected role in the language services community. Its services include interpretation, document translation and non-emergency medical transportation.

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