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Ryba Marine Construction Co. Honored as a 2021 Michigan Celebrates Awardee!

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Cheboygan, MI – Ryba Marine Construction Co. is being acknowledged as one of the 2021 awardees for the Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) Best Small Business award, presented by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Ryba Marine Construction Co. will be honored at the 17th annual Michigan Celebrates Small Businesses gala event on Tuesday, July 20.

Ryba Marine Construction Co. (Ryba) excels in high quality marine construction services. Ryba is an employee owned HUBZone Certified Small Business that provides a broad range of marine and specialty services. Ryba operates and maintains a large fleet of heavy equipment including general construction equipment and specialized marine vessels. Headquartered on Lake Huron in Cheboygan, Michigan, Ryba has easy access to all of the Great Lakes and surrounding waters.

Our mission is to provide superior quality service to help our clients reach their goals through safe, efficient, well planned and executed work, while providing a long-lasting positive impact and enhancing the everyday quality of life for all our employees.

“As an employee owned company, our success and sustainability are proven and the continued support from organizations such as the PTAC have helped foster the growth and success for our company. We greatly appreciate the recognition and being chosen for this award.” said Zac Morrish, President of Ryba Marine Construction Co.

Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) helps businesses prepare for and obtain government contracts. PTAC have trained contracting specialists that help businesses obtain the most current and relevant information available, provide insight into the research process and coach small businesses through the government contracting process, from start to finish.

There are ten PTACs across Michigan. Each PTAC office selects a business they have worked with that has leveraged services to advance government contracting initiatives to receive the Best Small Business. The businesses selected have demonstrated positive impact and growth as a company as well as a strong relationship with the organization. To represent Michigan and its flourishing industries, companies like Ryba Marine Construction Co. are known for their ability to persevere through challenging times, their entrepreneurial drive, and hunger for innovation.

“Small businesses create significant economic impact in communities all across Michigan, said Josh Hundt, Chief Business Development Officer and Executive Vice President at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

“We are excited to acknowledge and celebrate more than 80 small businesses this year who have been selected by their peers, communities and small business support organizations and demonstrate the resiliency and impact of Michigan small businesses.”

Michigan Celebrates Small Business hopes to celebrate small business success in-person at the Breslin Center in East Lansing on July 20. At this time MCSB is planning for a hybrid approach to the celebration, offering a virtual and in-person experience. If an in-person gala is permitted, MCSB will comply with CDC, state and Michigan State University guidelines.

### **About Michigan Celebrates Small Businesses**

Michigan Celebrates Small Businesses is a non-profit (501c3) organization that is composed of statewide founding organizations that provide small businesses with resources to help their company grow. MCSB has Since 2005, their awards gala has celebrated and honored the impact small businesses have on our communities and state. MCSB makes small businesses their priority and will continue to support, connect, and celebrate small businesses in Michigan.

Michigan Celebrates Small Business is a partnership of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Edward Lowe Foundation, Small Business Association of Michigan, U.S. Small Business Administration, Michigan Business Network and the Michigan Small Business Development Center.

Kinexus Group is the Managing Partner of 2021 Michigan Celebrates Small Business gala.

Information about Michigan Celebrates Small Business can be found at [www.MichiganCelebrates.org](http://www.MichiganCelebrates.org)

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