

MED Week

**SBA District Director's Award of the Year for 2009
LKE CORPORATION**



Lorraine Kim Erion, President

Kim Erion, President of LKE CORPORATION since 1993 and has been self employed since 1988, but started as early as age 6 selling painted pet rocks to neighbors. She grew up in the woods with one grandfather who owned a saw mill and trucking company and with another grandfather who worked for the USDA Forest Service and Oregon State Parks. Her father owned a logging company and to balance it out further, her mother owned the Mother Earth spirituality retail shop in Portland called the Goddess Gallery.

For 16 years, Kim and Jim, her husband, have been dedicated to restoration throughout the Pacific Northwest. LKE CORPORATION has hundreds of miles of watershed restoration and thousands of acres of wetlands and in stream habitat completed throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California. She was inspired by her husband's work in 1980's on the Mt St Helen's debris flows. Some of his in stream restoration designs that were implemented on the Clearwater and Muddy are still key study areas for in stream design. Their daughter, Malin, has been home schooled in the field and has done documentary photography that has been an essential part of monitoring successes and failures in new concepts of environmental restoration. Kim and Jim are known for going beyond specification with passionate execution. Their entire team's conscientiousness combined with Kim's unique "Naturalization Methodology" to engineered restoration sets a higher standard and is recognized wherever they go.

Kim does volunteer work for conservation organizations like Ducks Unlimited, Oregon Trout, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, ExCEL Academic League and is a home school mom. "It's great to get kids involved and excited. An awesome feeling is when you inspire young adults to make a difference and to live a conservation lifestyle. They are always so intrigued about me, a little gal, playing with BIG rocks and BIG Machines making a BIG difference."

MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT WEEK AWARDS LUNCHEON & TRADE SHOW

Wednesday – September 30, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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