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Paul C. Darley, Chairman, CEO & President of Darley, Honored with the Kathleen Sridhar Small Business Executive of the Year Award by National Defense Industry Association (NDIA)

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Darley, a leading provider of defense, fire, and emergency services equipment since 1908, is proud to announce that its CEO, Paul C. Darley, has been awarded the prestigious Kathleen Sridhar Small Business Executive of the Year Award by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA). The Kathleen Sridhar Small Business Executive of the Year Award is presented annually to a small-business executive who exemplifies Dr. Sridhar's leadership excellence and support for the defense sector.

Paul Darley has been recognized for his exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment to fostering a robust small-business sector within the defense industrial base. Under his guidance, Darley has continued to innovate and expand its offerings, providing cutting-edge technology and equipment solutions to military and first responders growing to over \$1 billion in revenue in 2024. Paul's dedication to excellence and his visionary leadership have been instrumental in driving Darley's success and growth. This recognition is a testament to his hard work and the positive impact he has made in the defense industry.

"I am deeply honored and truly humbled to receive this award on behalf of our amazing Team Darley members, and I thank them for their unwavering support and commitment to our mission," said Paul Darley. "This came as a complete surprise, and I am also grateful to the NDIA Great Lakes Board for their nomination for this recognition. It's been a pleasure to serve the NDIA for over 15 years."

About Darley W.S. Darley & Co. (Darley) provides the highest quality technology and equipment solutions to military and first responders. With origins in Midwest manufacturing, Darley offers our nation's heroes a complete line of unmanned systems, technology, equipment, and pumps. More information is available at darley.com. You serve others. We serve you.

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