

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **United Capital Funding Corp. Named "Outstanding Business of the Year"**

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce has named United Capital Funding Corp. of St. Petersburg Outstanding Small Business of the Year in the category of businesses with fewer than 25 employees. United Capital Funding is a specialized financial institution that helps small businesses with working capital funding when banks and other institutions fall short with traditional financing means. The award is based on seven criteria set by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and includes: the company's history as an established business; impact on the job market; increased sales and or unit-volume-to-revenues over a three-to-five year period; innovativeness of product and services; response to adversity; and response to community-oriented projects.

"This is an honor for our company," said Gerard J. Curley, chief executive officer of United Capital Funding Corp. "Recognition of this kind exemplifies our commitment to developing innovative, specialized financial services while building strong client relationships. Since our inception in April 1997, United Capital Funding has believed that the more viable our nation's small businesses are, the stronger our local economy and national economy will be. With integrity as our cornerstone, United Capital now employs 14 full time professionals who are committed to serving clients and who all live, work and are actively involved in numerous community oriented projects in the Tampa Bay area."

St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce began recognizing local business in 1984. Since then, the event has grown to include more than 600 supporting companies doing business within Pinellas County. The award ceremony, based on voting by a panel of 25 judges, was held in May at the Vinoy Hotel.

#### **About United Capital Funding:**

United Capital Funding Corp. ([www.ucfunding.com](http://www.ucfunding.com)), established in 1997, is a financial services firm, specializing in Staffing Industry Accounts Receivable Outsourcing and Working Capital Funding via factoring. Unlike most traditional financing sources, United Capital will consider funding companies with historical losses or deficit net worth, and start-ups. Primary

industries funded include: Staffing, Manufacturing, Service and Transportation. For a confidential discussion on how your business can profit from the professional services provided by United Capital Funding Corp., please contact Mark S. Mandula, Principal, United Capital Funding Corp., 146 2nd Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701. Telephone (877) 894-8232. Email: [mark@ucfunding.com](mailto:mark@ucfunding.com)