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OK Champion Officers Earn the Distinction of Indiana's Small-Business Persons of the Year

The U.S. Small Business Administration awarded Indiana's Small-Business Persons of the Year title to OK Champion Corporation. Peter Knoerzer, Chairman; Paul Knoerzer, President; Harvey Reed, Vice President; and Kate Knoerzer, Assistant Treasurer-Secretary were the recipients of this prestigious award.

Founded by Otto Knoerzer in Hammond, Indiana, OK Champion, originally named Champion Potato Machinery Co., started as a manufacturer of equipment for the agricultural industry. The company quickly responded to the rapid growth and industrial diversity of the area by developing ingenious products to meet an array of underground needs.

Today, the OK Champion team of approximately 50 employees – under the leadership of the Knoerzer family's fourth generation – specializes in equipment that has been designed, engineered, and manufactured for underground applications.

"Our success through the years is due, in large part, to our willingness and ability to respond to customers' needs," said Paul Knoerzer. "Whether it's recommending an existing machine to solve a particular problem or developing a new product line geared toward greater ease of use, increased efficiency, and streamlined productivity, our customers know that they can turn to us to meet their most demanding underground challenges."

Primarily serving the utility and telecommunications industry, OK Champion offers a comprehensive line of Power Rodders, Rodder-Pullers, Cable Scrappers, Reel Carriers, and other specialized machinery. From safe and efficient rodding of underground conduit to effective pulling and placing of underground cable, OK Champion "Harnesses the Power" to meet customers' needs.

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