



Lantern Award Acceptance - George Bulliard (center) president/owner of Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. accepts a Lantern Award from governor John Bel Edwards, right, and Don Pierson, secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, at a reception held at the Governor's Mansion on June 6.

Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc. receives prestigious Lantern Award

Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc., a sauce manufacturing company located in St. Martinville, Louisiana has been recognized by the State of Louisiana as a 2017 recipient of the prestigious Lantern Award.

Lantern Award winners are selected by Louisiana's eight Regional Planning and Development Districts, based on the contributions of the manufacturers to their communities, including investments in employment growth and facility expansion. Each business also must be in business at least three years prior to the nomination.

"Small businesses are the backbone of Louisiana's

economy, accounting for 97 percent of our employers in the state, and many of those are manufacturers," Gov. John Bel Edwards said. "Our business leaders and our workforce can take pride in the quality of workmanship that comes from their efforts, and we are happy to honor some of our best manufacturers with these awards."

Peppers Unlimited of Louisiana, Inc., established in 1993, has its roots going back to a Cayenne Pepper Sauce commercially sold in 1910 by Edmond and Louise Bulliard. Four generations later, the company's 200,000-square-foot facility produces approximately 12 million gallons of sauce annually and serves

more than 1,000 retail, food service and industrial clients worldwide. They employ over 150 people within the community. About 25 percent of its bottled product carries the Bulliard brand, with its product also going to customers that include national retail brands, restaurant chains, hospitals, schools, military and prisons worldwide. Currently they export to all 50 states and over 130 countries. The company also manufactures steak sauce, Worcestershire, marinade, barbecue, chicken wing sauces, soy sauce and teriyaki for private label clients, bulk shipments and under the Bulliard's of Louisiana and Louisiana Supreme brands.