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### **Askinosie Chocolate Wins Prestigious National Food Award**

Springfield, Mo.- On Friday, January 20, the Good Food Awards honored Askinosie Chocolate with a medal for their Dark Milk Chocolate + Black Licorice CollaBARation<sup>™</sup> Bar at a ceremony in San Francisco.

The Good Food Awards recognize “not just the best of America’s growing food movement, but the best of America,” according to the organization’s press release. A panel of top food industry experts evaluated more than 2,000 entries from 38 states to select the 193 winners. Judges rigorously evaluated entries based on environmentally sound agriculture practices, ethical sourcing transparency, responsible production, and excellent taste. Askinosie was one of only 4 Missouri companies to receive this distinguished honor.

“We are humbled to receive our third Good Food Award,” said Shawn Askinosie, Founder and CEO of Askinosie Chocolate. “We are proud to represent what ‘good food’ looks like: a dedication to exceptional craftsmanship and a desire for positive impact.”

Chef and activist, Alice Waters, and organics pioneer, Nell Newman, hosted the prestigious Good Food Awards ceremony—often nicknamed the “Oscars of food.” This is Askinosie Chocolate’s third Good Food Award. The company won in 2013 and 2014 for their 62% Dark Milk Chocolate + Fleur de Sel Bar. Askinosie products are available at specialty retailers across the country and online at askinosie.com.

Askinosie Chocolate is a small batch chocolate manufacturer with 16 employees located in Springfield, Mo., sourcing 100% of their beans directly from farmers, founded at the forefront of the American craft chocolate movement. The only American chocolate maker practicing direct trade on multiple continents, Shawn Askinosie, founder and CEO, travels to Ecuador, Tanzania and the Philippines to work directly with farmers and source cocoa beans. This allows the chocolate to be traced to the source and labeled authentic single origin chocolate. It also enables Askinosie Chocolate to open their books and profit share with the farmers, giving them a Stake In the Outcome<sup>™</sup>. The Askinosie Chocolate mission is to craft exceptional chocolate and serve their farmers, their customers, their community and each other, striving in all they do to leave whatever part of the world they touch better for the encounter.

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