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EXUECUTIVE SUMMARY

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(U) U.S. Army Associate Director, SADB U Leadership Conference
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The Associate Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (SADBU) attended and participated in a two day Leadership Conference, 15-16 April 2003, Crystal City, Virginia. This conference was sponsored by the Department of Army OSADBU and attended by over 40 individuals representing the various Major Commands (MACOMS).

The focus of the conference centered on the increasingly important leadership roles of the Associate Directors and their vital link not only to the MACOMS, but also the small business community. Some of the guest speakers included: Honorable Thomas E. White, Secretary of Army; LTG John S. Caldwell, Jr, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (AL&T); Mr. Frank Ramos, OSADBU, Under Secretary of Defense (AL&T); and Ms. Tracey Pinson, Director, U.S. Army OSADBU. There were several presentations provided by senior government and industry leaders covering topics such as legislative and federal procurement policies to current challenges facing the Associate Directors, SADBUs. Plenary sessions focused on small business initiatives within the federal government; creating strategic alliances with many of Women Owned Small Businesses, Small Disadvantaged Businesses, Historically Underutilized Business Zones and the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions. The SADBU Leadership Conference was very informative and highlighted many small business initiatives; many, which I'm glad to report, are currently being implemented by the USAMRMC. Power Point Presentation from all of the presenters will be available next week via the Department of Army SADBU web site.

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