



# October 2006 Newsletter

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## Welcome

As we begin fiscal year (FY) 2007, I must first take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many government procurement professionals, military, civilians, contractor support, and student interns whose tireless efforts contributed to a successful FY 2006. The results of our tremendous performance in areas such as small businesses and Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI) are being finalized and are expected to be released by mid November 2006. As in previous years, we will post for public viewing the results on the USAMRMC Office of Small Business Programs website in a prominent location. Our website address is located on the bottom of the newsletter.

I also want to extend a special thanks to all the small businesses that were awarded contacts through their participation in the USAMRMC procurement process. Your ability to provide relevant medical research technology and materiel products, services and business solution for the war fighter on point remains the essence of what we do in support of our nation.

We hope this newsletter provides you and your small business the key ingredients to success.

Sincerely,

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USAMRMC

## Upcoming Events:

### SMART PROC 06

FSK Mall Frederick, Maryland  
October 27, 2006  
(301) 745-3994

<http://smartproc06.smartstates.com>

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### 10th Annual Small Business Conference

Hilton McLean Tysons Corner  
November 1 - 2, 2006  
POC: Carissa Mirasol @

[cmirasol@ndia.org](mailto:cmirasol@ndia.org) or (703) 247-2588

For more details visit

<http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/smlbus/events.html>

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### Small Business Procurement Fair

Hilton Baltimore, BWI Airport  
Baltimore, MD  
November 9, 2006  
(800) 445-8667

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### National HUBZONE Small Business Conference

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel  
New Orleans, LA  
December 11 - 13, 2006  
(504) 525-2500-4505

<http://www.hubzoneconference.com>

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New Orleans, LA  
December 14 - 15, 2006  
(504) 525-2500-4505

<http://www.hbcumiconference.com>



## 8(a) Thresholds Increased

The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to adjust acquisition related thresholds for inflation, in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 431a as added by Section 807 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005 (Pub. L. 108-375). Effective 28 September 2006 the 8(a) sole source thresholds were increased to \$3.5 million and \$5.5 million dollars respectively. The Small Business Administration can now accept offerings at the new thresholds

## Extension of 8(a) Partnership Agreement

The 8(a) Partnership agreement between the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) has been extended through 1 December 2006.

## FDBDO Praised

Ms. Marie Keegin, Director of the Frederick County Office of Economic Development praised the Fort Detrick Business Development Office (FDBDO) for its outreach and business programs geared at helping businesses develop opportunities at Fort Detrick. During FY 06 the FDBDO assisted hundreds of businesses with training, business development goals and network support. The FDBDO is conveniently located at 201 Thomas Johnson Drive, Suite 208, Frederick, MD 21702. Business hours are Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Phone number is (301) 620-7071 or [www.fdbdo.com](http://www.fdbdo.com)



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