



July 2006 Newsletter

Volume 8, Issue 1

Welcome

The 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2006 is finally here. From an acquisition and small business advocate standpoint, the last quarter of the fiscal year can be quite challenging for the acquisition workforce, but also an opportunistic timeframe for small businesses seeking to develop strategic partnerships with the Department of Defense (DoD). I want to reiterate that the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC) continues to comply with the various federal statutes, Public Laws and Presidential Executive Orders that mandate federal agencies increase contract and grant awards and training opportunities to small business entities as well as Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions (HBCU/MI). We are optimistic that our synergistic efforts will yield increased contract dollars and percentages of awards within the small business program for year end FY 06.

Sincerely,

Jerome K. Maultsby
 Associate Director,
 Office of Small Business Programs
 USAMRMC

Deputy Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs, USAMRMC

We are extremely proud to have selected Mr. Archie B. Cardwell as the Deputy Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs, USAMRMC. Mr. Cardwell's previous assignment was as a Contract and Grant Specialist with the U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity for the past 12 years. He is also a retired senior Non-Commissioned Officer with over 30 years of service with the US Army. Mr. Cardwell's knowledge, skills and experience will further enhance the Command's small business and HBCU/MI initiatives.

Upcoming Events:

2006 IT Forum

Fort Detrick, MD

August 07, 2006

Register online www.eventsmade.com

.....

Business Matchmaking Regional Face-to-Face Event

Eastern Regional

Philadelphia, PA

September 22, 2006

For more details visit www.businessmatchmaking.com

.....

DoD HBCU/MI Research Forum

Morgan State University

October 4, 2006

POC Dr. Mildred Ofosu (443) 885-4505

.....

SMART PROC 06

FSK Mall Frederick, Maryland

October 27, 2006

POC <http://smartproc06.smartstates.com> / (301) 745-3994

Re-Designation of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

References: Title 10, United States Code, Subtitle A, Part 1, Chapter 4.

Department of Army, Office of the Secretary of the Army Office of Small Business Programs memo 23 June 2006.

“On January 6, 2006, the President signed the H.R. 1815, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, and Public Law 109-163. Section 904 of the new law re-designated the “Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization” to the “Office of Small Business Programs” of the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, Navy and the Air Force, respectively.”

The USAMRMC Office of Small Business Programs is implementing the name change, via this Newsletter, Website and other areas.



2nd National Veterans Small Business Conference

The USAMRMC Commanding General, Major General Eric B. Schoomaker was a keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual National Veterans Small Business Conference which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada 26-29 June 2006. MG Schoomaker's address to the captive audience included an overview of the USAMRMC and the tremendous work being performed at Armed Forces Amputee Patient Care Program. There were approximately 1,110 registered participants at this conference seeking to provide relevant products, services and business solutions in support of our soldiers, sailors and airmen defending our great nation. The Associate Director and Deputy Associate Director attended, participated and presented briefings during this event. Also in attendance was our Director of Contracting, and Principal Assistant Responsible for Contracting (Mr. Paul Michaels), whose entire staff remains committed to the mission of the Office of Small Business Programs.

Army Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) Training Symposium

The Associate, Director Office of Small Business Programs USAMRMC participated in the PCO Conference on 10-14 July, which was held in Miami Florida.

Participation and attendance in this event demonstrates the USAMRMC Office of Small Business Programs' unwavering support to the Contracting and Acquisition Professionals whose knowledge, skills and business acumen contribute to USAMRMC achieving its small business goals and targets.

Department of Defense HBCU/MI Forum

Morgan State University is hosting a DoD HBCU/MI Research Forum on 4 October 2006. Additional information can be found by contacting Dr. Mildred Ofosu, (443) 885-4505. This is an excellent opportunity for government and military researchers, program managers, project officers, acquisition professionals, logisticians, etc., to learn more about and take advantage of the many opportunities within our nation's HBCU/MI.

DoD Summer Educational Opportunity for HBCU/MI Students at USAMRMC

The DoD in collaboration with United Negro College Fund, Special Programs Corporation (UNCF-SP) and the USAMRMC have identified 4 summer intern positions at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases (USAMRID) for highly credentialed students from our nation's HBCU/MI. The four undergraduates are majoring in various medical research fields of study, maintain a G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher, and express a sincere desire to enhance their academics by working at a premier Department of Army Medical Research Laboratory, such as USAMRIID. During the 7 week internship (June through August), these students, under the guidance and supervision of their assigned mentors will perform meaningful medical research duties that will culminate in the submission of a graded assignment.

The USAMRMC Office of Small Business Programs has received the unwavering endorsement of this program from MG. Schoomaker, the Commander of USAMRIID (COL George Korch) and key representatives from his staff that include Dr. Peter Hobart, SGM Edwin Lewis and Ms. Jennifer Merriman, to name a few. The Command's participation in this unique program is significant and a first for the USAMRMC. It also complies with the Presidential Executive Order which encourages federal agencies to establish and strengthen strategic partnerships with HBCU/MI. The students are from Howard University, Bowie State University, Alcorn State University and Elizabeth City State University. We will continue to explore future opportunities for HBCU/MI undergraduate and graduate students to work as interns in USAMRMC Subordinate Laboratories and other areas.

NEXT ISSUE—October 2006