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Department of Energy Small Business Conference Starts Today in Kansas City, Missouri

DOE Shares Funding Opportunities and Honors Small Business Award Recipients

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Energy, the largest civilian contracting agency within the Federal government, is holding its 12th Annual Small Business Conference & Expo at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Missouri from May 10–12, 2011. Drawing more than 1,600 participants, the conference and Expo will present information to help small businesses across the country benefit from federal funding including grant opportunities, contracting openings, and subcontracting options.

"Small businesses are the building blocks of the clean energy economy, helping to create jobs and drive the innovation that will help the U.S. to win the future," said Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II of Missouri's fifth congressional district, Kansas City Mayor Sly James, and National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator Tom D'Agostino will be offering remarks at the conference. The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization will discuss upcoming funding opportunities with small business leaders who are looking to showcase their abilities and participate in the government contracting process. One-on-one matchmaking sessions and workshops led by Department procurement analysts and small business specialists will teach small business owners to identify funding opportunities and gain a greater understanding of how to work most effectively with the Department of Energy.

At an Award Luncheon today to honor the Fiscal Year 2010 Secretarial Small Business Award recipients, the following individuals and small businesses were recognized:

- **Federal Small Business Program Manager of the Year:**
 - Larry Sullivan, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Pittsburgh, PA)
- **Federal Small Business Achievement of the Year (Management & Operations Program Office):**
 - Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy (Washington, DC)
- **Federal Small Business Achievement of the Year (non-M&O Program Office):**
 - Department of Energy's Office of Health, Safety, and Security (Washington, DC)
- **Federal Procurement Director of the Year:**
 - J.E. "Jack" Surash, Office of Environmental Management (Washington, DC)
- **Management & Operations Small Business Program Manager of the Year:**
 - Gloria Mencer, B&W Y-12, LLC (Oak Ridge, TN)
- **Management & Operations Small Business Achievement of the Year:**
 - SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory (Menlo Park, CA)
- **Management & Operations Procurement Director of the Year:**

- John M. Robinson, Washington River Protection Solutions, LLC (Richland, WA)
- **Management & Operations Small Business Special Recognition:**
 - Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (Princeton, NJ)
- **DOE Mentor of the Year:**
 - IBM (Washington, DC)
- **DOE Protégé of the Year:**
 - Ingenium Professional Services, Inc. (Knoxville, TN)
- **8(a)/Small Disadvantaged Business of the Year:**
 - Bearskin Services (Wyandotte, OK)
- **Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year:**
 - Stanek Tool Corporation (New Berlin, WI)
- **HUBZone Small Business of the Year:**
 - Ideal System Solutions, Inc. (Minnetonka, MN)
- **Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year:**
 - Excalibur Associates, Inc. (Alexandria, VA)
- **SBIR/STTR Small Business of the Year:**
 - Niowave, Inc. (Lansing, MI)
- **Small Business of the Year:**
 - Edgewater Technical Associates, LLC (Los Alamos, NM)

Learn more information about the [12th Annual Small Business Conference & Expo](http://smallbusinessconference.energy.gov/) (<http://smallbusinessconference.energy.gov/>) or about the [Office of Economic Impact and Diversity](http://diversity.energy.gov/) (<http://diversity.energy.gov/>).

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