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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

**Small Business
And
AbilityOne
Award Ceremony**

**Presented by the
Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization**

**Wednesday, June 25, 2008
10:00 AM
Patio, Jamie L. Whitten Building**

Debra Lucas
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Sterling Nichols
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
Department of Energy

DeVera Redmond
Department of Transportation

Belinda Ward
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

John Valencia
Office of Civil Rights

Shahrokh "Peter" Zahirieh
Small Business Administration

We would also like to give a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to:

Pamela Carter
Soloist

Julian Sapp
Accompanist

The Military District of Washington
Joint Armed Forces Color Guard

McGills Deli
USDA/Employee Services and Recreation Association

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the following evaluation panel members who helped to select the winners for this award program:

Janet Baylor
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

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The Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducts an annual small business and AbilityOne award program to recognize the outstanding work achieved by our own community. We salute all of the small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, HUBZone, service disabled veteran-owned and AbilityOne businesses that have provided exemplary services to the Department. We also recognize and pay tribute to the USDA employees who have excelled in their work with these businesses.

The companies and individuals honored today represent thousands of others who work hard to support the Department, the community and our country. They were selected as winners to represent their agencies as the best of an elite group. We congratulate them all.

We wish to thank everyone who is being honored today and want to express our appreciation to all who assisted in the preparations for this event.

**USDA
OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS UTILIZATION
DIRECTOR'S AWARDS**

Presented by: James House

CHRISTINE TYSON HARRISON
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DALE W. MOORE
Chief of Staff
To the Secretary of Agriculture

JOE WARE
Deputy Director
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

**USDA
2008 ABILITYONE
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

IBS INDUSTRIES, INC.
Shawna S. Clay, Chief Operating Officer
Independence, Missouri

NOMINATING AGENCY: Farm Service Agency

**USDA AGENCY ABILITYONE
AWARD WINNERS**

Delaware Industries for the Blind
Alan Wingrove, General Manager

Opportunity Resources, Inc.
Richard Ensign, Janitorial Coordinator New Castle, Delaware

Missoula, Montana

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food Safety and Inspection Service

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Forest Service

ServiceSource, Inc.
Janet Samuelson, President
Alexandria, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Agricultural Research Service

**USDA
2008 ABILITYONE
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

ED McDONALD
Cherokee National Forest
Forest Service
Cleveland, Tennessee

**USDA AGENCY ABILITYONE
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS**

Sofia M. Basso
Agricultural Research Service
Midwest Area
Peoria, Illinois

Janet Elm
Food Safety and Inspection Service
Beltsville, Maryland

**USDA SMALL BUSINESS
AND
ABILITYONE
AWARD CEREMONY**

Mistress of Ceremonies	Sherry Cohen
Presentation of the Colors	The Military District of Washington Joint Armed Forces Color Guard
“Pledge of Allegiance”	Sherry Cohen
“Star Spangled Banner”	Pamela Carter
Welcoming Remarks and Introduction of the Secretary	Boyd Rutherford Assistant Secretary for Administration
Secretary’s Message	Secretary Ed Schafer
Presentation of Awards	Gilbert Smith Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration Sherry Cohen Belinda Ward
Closing Remarks	James House, Director Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

-- Reception --

**USDA
2008 SMALL BUSINESS
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

KADIX SYSTEMS, LLC
Daisy Laymen, CEO
Arlington, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service

USDA AGENCY SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

Barquin International
Kelley Willitts
Director of Administration
Washington, D.C.

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Agricultural Research Service

C-Technologies.Net, LLC
Samuel Clawson
Vice President, Government Programs
Fairfax, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

George F. Brocke & Sons, Inc.
Dean Brocke
President
Kendrick, Idaho

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Farm Service Agency

KnowledgeBank, Inc.
Tom Wimer
President
McLean, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Farm Service Agency

Signs Now #172
Tim Schaumburg
President
Columbia, Missouri

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Rural Development

Standridge Bulldozing, Inc.
Lemuel "Dick" Sandridge
Owner
Belleville, Arkansas

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Forest Service

Infinity Conference Group, Inc.

Doreen Albertson

CEO

Herndon, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY:

Food and Nutrition Service

Ultima Services Corporation

Celeste Bennett

President

Jacksonville, Florida

NOMINATING AGENCY:

Natural Resources Conservation Service

USDA
2008 SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
(Individual and Group)

ACQUISITION TEAM
Agricultural Research Service
South Atlantic Area
Athens, Georgia

KAY MATTHEWS
Southern Region
Forest Service
Atlanta, Georgia

USDA AGENCY SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS
SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD WINNERS
(Individual and Group)

Gustavo Carvajal
Midwest Region
Food and Nutrition Service
Chicago, Illinois

Tammy Nutwell
Food Safety and Inspection Service
Beltsville, Maryland

Rhonda G. Sulsar
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Salina, Kansas

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**2008 SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED
SMALL BUSINESS
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

SKYLINE ULTD, INC.
Joel R. Rhoades, President
Round Rock, Texas

NOMINATING AGENCY: Office of Procurement and Property Management

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**AGENCY SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED
SMALL BUSINESS
AWARD WINNERS**

Four Points Technology, LLC
David Gilchrist
President
Chantilly, Virginia

R&B Web Solutions
Bryan Herbstritt
Owner
Salt Lake City, Utah

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food Safety and Inspection Service

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Farm Service Agency

Turner Enterprises
David Turner
Owner
Pittsfield, Pennsylvania

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Forest Service

**USDA
2008 SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

ANALYTICAL SOLUTIONS, INC.
Harlin Sutton, President
Fredericksburg, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service

**USDA AGENCY SMALL DISADVANTAGED
BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS**

Best Technology Systems, Inc.

Gary M. Chinn
President
Plainfield, Illinois

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Office of Inspector General

Cosh Healthcare, Ltd.

Ronald Shinault
Chief Operating Officer
Tucker, Georgia

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food Safety and Inspection Service

DKW Communications, Inc.

Darryl K. Washington
President
Washington, D.C.

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Farm Service Agency

Garcia Forest Service, LLC

Samuel Garcia
President
Rockingham, North Carolina

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Forest Service

Office Furniture Connection

Paul Gabor
Sales Executive
Crofton, Maryland

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Panum Group, LLC

Vaikunth Gupta
Member
Bethesda, Maryland

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food and Nutrition Service

Dykon Computer Help Center, Inc.
Eben N. Dike
President
New Orleans, Louisiana

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Office of Procurement and
Property Management

Xpert's Gulf, LLC
Alberto J. Gonzalez
Owner
Covington, Louisiana

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Natural Resources Conservation Service

**USDA
2008 WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

ONE STOP ENVIRONMENTAL
Shannon Riley, Owner
Birmingham, Alabama

NOMINATING AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service

**USDA AGENCY WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS
AWARD WINNERS**

Communications Resource, Inc.

Victoria Johnson
President
McLean, Virginia

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Office of Inspector General

Evergreen Information Technology
Services, Inc.

Terrance Martin
President
Hyattsville, MD

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Office of Procurement and
Property Management

Family Features Editorial

Terry Bustamante
Senior Account Manager
Mission, Kansas

Iowa Valley Appraisal

Karyl L. Smith
Owner
Waverly, Iowa

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Rural Development

Mack Mechanical, Inc.

Elizabeth Mack
President
Cookeville, Tennessee

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Agricultural Research Service

R. S. Vincent Construction

Robin Vincent
Owner
Franklin, Pennsylvania

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food Safety and Inspection Service

GC Micro Corporation
Belinda Guadarrama
President
Petaluma, California

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food and Nutrition Service

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Forest Service

Radman Aerial Surveys, Inc.
Carol Radman
President
Sacramento, California

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Farm Service Agency

**USDA
2008 HUBZONE
CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

COMPU-CURE OF NEW ORLEANS, INC.
Angelina M. Parker, CEO
New Orleans, Louisiana

NOMINATING AGENCY: Office of Procurement and Property Management

**USDA AGENCY HUBZONE
AWARD WINNERS**

Hammer LGC, Inc.
Bob Hemmer
General Manager
Caseyville, Illinois

Solutions Through Innovative
Technologies, Inc.
Charles A. Colon III
Executive Vice President
Tulsa, Oklahoma

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Agricultural Research Service

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Food Safety and Inspection Service

Zaco, Inc.
Robert Swartz
President
Black Eagle, Montana

NOMINATING AGENCY:
Forest Service