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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOMS/DRUs/FOAs (Contracting and Small Business Specialists)

SUBJECT: Awards to Service Disabled Veterans for FY07 End of Year Activity

FROM: SAF/SB
SAF/AQC

President Bush (Executive Order 13360), the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, and the Small Business Administration have all emphasized the importance of providing contracting opportunities for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs). Historically, the Air Force awards approximately 25 percent of our contract actions to small businesses in the month of September. The end-of-the-year contracting activity provides us an excellent opportunity to award contracts to SDVOSBs. By increasing businesses opportunities for these concerns, not only will we demonstrate improvement towards meeting our SDVOSB goal, we will also be giving something back to the Service Disabled Veterans.

The SDVOSBs have previously been successful in providing the Air Force with support and have a particularly strong presence in operations and supplies, especially in the areas of information technology, security, construction, custodial, environmental, and medical services. To support this endeavor, we encourage the use of the tools authorized in FAR 19.14 that will enable the Air Force to meet or exceed our 3 percent SDVOSB goal. These tools include set-asides for SDVOSBs, federal supply schedules, and finally when appropriate sole source awards. Also, the use of VetBiz.gov and the General Supply Schedule (GSA) SDVOSB Government-wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) provide sources for service-disabled veteran businesses. Your local small business specialists are available to assist you with these actions.

We ask that you make every effort to promote increased business opportunities for those who have sacrificed in the service of our Nation. We know we can count on a strong commitment from you, our contracting and small business community. Please direct any questions to Ms. Terese Herston or Dr. Alain Hunter at (703) 696-1103 or DSN 426-1103.

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