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Galveston District holds Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business seminar

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The Galveston District Corps of Engineers held a Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business seminar in Houston on March 4 in conjunction with the University of Houston's Procurement Technical Assistance Center. Approximately 50 small businesses attended the seminar to hear presentations and ask questions of the Corps of Engineers officials, as well as representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Small Business Administration.

Colonel David C. Weston, Galveston District commander, opened the Corps' portion of the seminar with an overview of the District. He also highlighted the District's commitment to the SDVOSB program.

"To give you an idea of the Galveston District's commitment to the Small Business program, in Fiscal Year 2007, the Corps awarded more than \$200 million in contracts for a variety of services," he said. "Out of that \$200 million, we awarded \$9 million to Service-disabled Veteran-owned small businesses."

The \$9 million amounted to 5.4 percent of the District's contract awards and exceeded the Army Corp of Engineers' SDVOSB goal.

Also representing the Galveston District were Ken Adams, Deputy for Small Business; Joe Hrametz, Chief of Navigation Branch; Tom Benero, Chief of Contracting; Linda Fredendall, Contracting Officer; Curtis Cole, Contracting Officer; Jason Foltyn, Project Manager for Fort Bliss Military Construction; and Enrique Villagomez, Project Manager for the PF225 Border Fence Initiative.

The morning sessions of the seminar were conducted by speakers from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Small Business Administration.

For more information on Galveston District small business opportunities, go to www.swg.usace.army.mil/CT/smallbusiness.asp.



Margo Jeffcoat, left, program manager with Skyline UTLD, a service-disabled veteran-owned small business from Round Rock, Texas, discusses opportunities for SDVOSB with Ken Adams, Galveston District's deputy for Small Business. (USACE photo by Kimberley Benavides)