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Tennessee, New York Firms Named National Contractors of the Year as Procurement Awards Kick off National Small Business Week

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Small Businesses, Corporate Leaders and Government Officials Honored

WASHINGTON –Two small business contractors, one from Tennessee and the other from New York, were today named the National Prime Contractor of the Year and National Subcontractor of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration at a luncheon held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center as part of **National Small Business Week**.

Small business owners, corporate leaders, government officials and volunteers from across the country are in Washington, D.C. for the two-day conference.

“During National Small Business Week, we recognize the small businesses, corporate leaders and government officials that aided in providing a record-setting \$80 billion in goods and services to the federal government last year,” said SBA Administrator Steven C. Preston. “It’s because of their leadership and contributions to the \$314 billion federal marketplace that small businesses continue to grow, create jobs and fuel the nation’s economy.”

The *Small Business Prime Contractor* and *Small Business Subcontractor of the Year* awards honor small businesses that have provided the government and industry with outstanding goods and services either as prime contractors or as subcontractors. The recipients are:

- **Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year**, Jeffrey D. Fletcher, President of Ecotone Services, Inc. of Dover, TN.
- **Small Business Subcontractor of the Year**, Larry Sala, President and CEO of Anaren, Inc. of East Syracuse, NY.

These and other award winners recognized today represent a diverse cross-section of American small businesses. They provide a wide array of services to the government and commercial marketplace ranging from the manufacturing of opaque armor and bullet proof glass for construction vehicles in Iraq and Afghanistan, to historic preservation construction projects for museums and hotels.

The contracting awards recognize these businesses and organizations for their commitment to providing contracting and subcontracting opportunities to small, women-owned and small disadvantaged businesses.

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Other federal contracting awards included:

Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence, recognizing large prime contractors that have excelled in their utilization of small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. The recipients are:

- Roger Jinks, President, AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. of Plymouth Meeting, PA; (Construction Category).
- Ken Dahlberg, President of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) McLean, VA; (Research & Development Category).
- Ralph Peterson, CEO and Chairman of the Board of CH2M Hill of Englewood, CO; (Services Category).

Gold Star Award, recognizing the exemplary performance of federal agencies and their dedicated personnel who carry out the aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure a role for small business in the federal marketplace. The recipient is:

- Boyd Kevin Rutherford, assistant secretary for administration, US Department of Agriculture.

Frances Perkins Vanguard Award, honoring government and industry for excellence in the use of women-owned small businesses as prime contractors and subcontractors.

The recipients are:

- Tracey L. Pinson, director of the Office of Small Business Programs, U.S. Department of the Army.
- Greg Turner, chief financial officer for UT-Battelle, LLC at Oak Ridge National Laboratories.

For additional information on Small Business Week 2007, including a full schedule of events and information on all award winners, go online to www.sba.gov/sbw and select winners from the pull down menu.

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