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National Prime and Subcontractor of the Year Named as Federal Contracting Awards Launch National Small Business Week;

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Small Businesses, Corporate Leaders and Government Officials Honored

WASHINGTON – Today, two small business contractors, one from Virginia and the other from Ohio, were 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 U.S. Chamber of Commerce to kick off **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, April 12-13, 2006.

“In honor of National Small Business Week, we are recognizing small businesses, corporate leaders and government officials for their outstanding contributions in the federal contracting arena,” said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. “It’s because of their leadership that small businesses garnered a record-setting \$69 billion in federal contracts in FY04. It is our goal at the SBA to help small businesses grow and help them continue to receive their fair share of contracting opportunities.”

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**, Dr. Jalaiah Unnam, President of Analytical Services & Materials, (AS&M) Inc. of Hampton, VA.); and
- **Small Business Subcontractor of the Year**, Werner Kummerle, President of Metalex Manufacturing, Inc. of Cincinnati, OH.

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 ranging from the manufacturing of wire harnesses for spacecrafts and military satellites to the usage of precision waterjet and laser cutting to retrofit Humvees to protect soldiers from enemy fire.

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:

- William H. Swanson, Chairman and Chief Executive Office, Raytheon Company of Waltham, MA; (Manufacturing Category)
- John Gillespie, President of The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center of Houston, TX; (Research & Development Category)
- Dr. Ron Townsend, President, Chief Executive Officer of Oak Ridge Associated Universities of Oak Ridge, TN; (Services Category) and
- Leonard K. Kaae, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Black Construction Corp. of GMF, Guam (Construction 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 recipients are:

- Gregory Mayberry, acting director of the Department of State, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;
- Valerie T. Hayes, acting director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;
- Corenthis B. Kelly, director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights;

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:

- Kevin Boshears, director of the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;
- Valerie T. Hayes, acting director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;
- Ken Compton, Project Manager, Georgia Power ;
- Joseph F. Myers, Vice President, Materials Acquisition & Management Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control.

For additional information on Small Business Week 2006, including a full schedule of events and information on all award winners, go online to www.sba.gov/sbw.

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