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SBA and JPL to Co-Host High Tech Conference for Small Business

(PASADENA, CA) – The United States Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Los Angeles District Office will co-host the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory’s 21st Annual High-Tech Small Business at the High-Tech Conference for Small Business on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3rd and 4th at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel.

This conference has proven to be a win-win for small businesses and vendors alike and will focus on subcontracting and marketing opportunities for small, minority, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses in high tech industries. Included are several “how to workshops” featuring on local, state and national programs, small business initiatives and other topics.

One such workshop will be presented by the SBA outlining not only the SBA Programs and Services, but the highly productive 8(a) Contracting Program, 8(a), through which the SBA facilitated the award of \$588 million in Federal 8(a) Contracts during FY 2008. SBA’s Los Angeles District Director, Alberto G. Alvarado encouraged participation in the conference stating: “This is the perfect opportunity to get the ‘Big Picture’ of what types of contracts are available. You could be the next recipient and our latest success story of how to break into or excel into the government contracting market”.

This event draws approximately 1,200 participants each of which have the chance to meet over 250 corporate, federal, state and city government representatives to discuss potential contracting and subcontracting opportunities. One-on-one counseling is also available with more than 100 exhibitors. Participating agencies include NASA centers, the U. S. Department of Defense, Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

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