



USDA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer Receives Veteran's Administration Small Business Award for Contracting Achievements with Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business. USDA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) received an achievement award for its efforts to contract with Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) from the Center for Veterans Enterprise, Veterans Administration (VA), June 2006, during VA's 5th Annual Awards Ceremony. During fiscal year 2005, OCFO's National Finance Center (NFC) far exceeded the 3 percent goal for contracts awarded to SDVOSB. OCFO's NFC provided 14 percent (or \$1.4 million) of its contracting opportunities to SDVOSB. Mr. James House, Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business (OSDBU), accepted the award on behalf of the USDA Finance Center, located in New Orleans, Louisiana. On September 13, 2006, Mr. House delivered the award to Debra A. Byrne, Chief, Administrative Management Staff, NFC, during her visit to Washington, DC.



From left to right: Joe Ware, Deputy Director, OSDBU; Barbara LaCour, Associate Director OSDBU; Stella Hughes, USDA Veteran's Advocate, OSDBU; Debra A. Byrne, Chief, Administrative Management Staff, New Orleans, Louisiana; James E. House, Director, OSDBU.