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Corps hosts two-day industry forum

Features contract opportunities for small and large businesses

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold an industry forum August 16 and 17 at the New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street. The purpose of the forum is to discuss architect and engineering projects, and heavy construction and to invite new businesses to consider the federal government as a viable market.

Day one of the forum is directed at the small-business community. On August 16, the forum will begin at 8:30 a.m. with remarks from Donna Addkison, the newly appointed director of Economic Development and Housing for the city of New Orleans. Also on the agenda are presentations from the Protection and Restoration Office (PRO), Hurricane Protection Office (HPO), Small Business Administration, Louisiana Procurement Technical Assistance Center and the University of New Orleans Small Business Development Center. Presentations will end at 3:30 p.m.

Day two of the forum will focus mainly on larger commercial enterprise with discussions of project schedules and general scopes of work. August 17 kicks off at 8 a.m. with remarks from Dan Hitchings, the chief of Task Force Hope; Col. Jeffrey Bedey, the commander of HPO; and Col. Richard Wagenaar, the commander of the New Orleans District. Following the opening remarks are scheduled presentations from the PRO, HPO and the Design-Build Institute of America. The forum concludes at noon.

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