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## **New Orleans District receives Small Business Administration Crystal Award**

NEW ORLEANS – For the second consecutive year, the New Orleans District received the Crystal Award from the Small Business Administration for leading all federal agencies in Louisiana in the number of dollars awarded to small businesses, particularly 8(a) contractors.

The New Orleans District so far has awarded \$422 million to small businesses during fiscal year 2007, or 47 percent of all contract dollars awarded. Approximately \$123 million has been awarded to small disadvantaged businesses.

The award was presented yesterday to Lt. Col. Murray Starkel, Deputy Commander, New Orleans District at the Lindy Boggs Convention Center. “This recognition is the result of a strong team, unified in purpose and working together to reduce the risk of flooding here in New Orleans,” said Lt. Col. Starkel.

This marks the third time the district has received the award and demonstrates the Corps’ commitment to small businesses and small disadvantaged businesses in its program execution.

“What I think this award shows is just how significant a supporter of Small Business Programs the Army Corps of Engineers has become,” said Ned Foley, procurement analyst in the district’s small business office.