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## **New Orleans District selected for two Small Business Administration awards**

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The Small Business Administration (SBA) has selected the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for two national awards recognizing the use of women-owned small businesses and the pursuit of small businesses. The district will receive the Frances Perkins Vanguard Award and the Gold Star Award during a ceremony luncheon on Wednesday, April 23 in Washington D.C.

The Frances Perkins Vanguard Award is presented for federal buying activity excellence in use of women-owned small businesses as prime contractors and subcontractors. The Gold Star Award is given to recognize federal agencies that exhibit exemplary performance in pursuit of aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure increased small business participation in the federal marketplace.

“The Corps is committed to working with small businesses,” said Ned Foley, who works with the district’s Small Business Office. “We do our best to give opportunities to local small businesses. Our efforts are totally a team effort.”

The district’s Small Business Office has been actively participating in outreach efforts to disseminate information on contracting opportunities with the New Orleans District. The office meets personally with small businesses to help identify the capabilities and requirements needed to support the district mission, particularly hurricane protection.

Foley and District Commander Col. Alvin Lee will be accepting both awards during the luncheon. Following the ceremony, both will join other winners in the White House East Room for President George W. Bush’s remarks to recognize National Small Business Week, April 21 – 25.

The awards ceremony may be viewed on a live Webcast beginning at 11:00 a.m. central time on April 23 on the following web site: [www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com](http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com). Users can click on the link “video cast” on the top right side of the page.