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Huntsville Center Employee Wins Corps of Engineers Small Business Award

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.— The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Specialist of the Year Award for 2004 to Judy Griggs of the Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville.

The annual award recognizes leadership in complying with the requirement to award government contracts to small, woman-owned, HUBZone, and veteran-owned small business firms.

Griggs was recognized in this Army-wide selection for directing an extensive and challenging outreach program to search out small businesses capable of fulfilling the Center's wide-ranging program opportunities and missions.

In the three years since beginning her initiatives to increase contract awards to small and disadvantaged business, Huntsville Center has gone from 17% of total awards to small business in fiscal year 2002 to 39% in fiscal year 2004.

To achieve those results, Griggs implemented several new initiatives. Among those were coaching and encouraging small businesses to seek government contracts by organizing pre-proposal conferences/networking opportunities, and posting opportunities on the web site well in advance of the actual issuance of the solicitation.

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“We work together to insure that small businesses have the opportunity to compete for contract awards and that they are successful in the completion of their projects,” Griggs said.

“I accepted the award as SADBUs of the Year for the total Corps of Engineers on behalf of those performing the varied and challenging work of the Center.”

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