



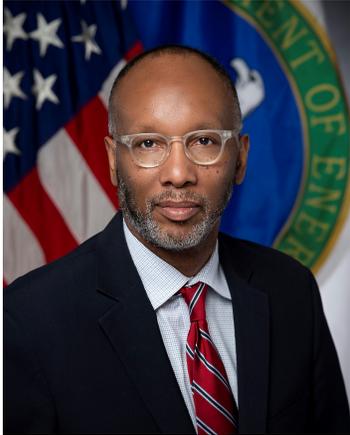
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OFFICE OF SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS UTILIZATION

FROM THE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the OSDBU, I hope you enjoyed the holidays and wish you the best in 2023. It is my pleasure to share quarterly updates on the DOE's small business achievements and activities.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 is shaping up to be another great year for small business at the DOE. The Department is projected to earn an "A" grade from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for FY 2022 small business and socio-economic achievements. Additionally, the DOE continues to advance several initiatives to help maximize small business opportunities.

The OSDBU continues to focus on DOE and NNSA Acquisition Forecast improvements

through the Acquisition Forecast Improvement Working Group (AFIWG). The AFIWG recently submitted a Request For Information (RFI) to gather responses from industry on scalable solutions. In another initiative, the OSDBU is pursuing a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA).

On the staffing front, the OSDBU is pleased to share the following organizational updates: Caren Chandler, Program Analyst; and Natasha White, Senior Small Business Advocate, have joined the team. The OSDBU is also excited to announce we will be partnering with the National Energy Technology Laboratory in February for a HUBZone-themed event and during Women's History Month in March we will be partnering with the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on a Women-Owned Small Business-themed event.

The OSDBU will host our flagship event, the 2023 Department of Energy's (DOE's) Small Business Forum & Expo, from July 11-12, 2023 in New Orleans. Over 1,200 attendees will represent all levels of Federal, state, and local government agencies. The 2023 DOE's Small Business Forum & Expo will also include an awards ceremony for the FY 2022 Annual Small Business Awards Program. DOE's Annual Small Business Awards Program recognizes the outstanding performance of people and organizations that promote and expand the Department's use of small businesses. The awards will be presented to small businesses, program elements, small business program managers, contracting officers, and Facility Management Contractors. For questions, please contact Anita Anderson, Public and Outreach Engagement Specialist (anita.anderson@hq.doe.gov or 202-740-5926). We hope you to see you in New Orleans!

Thank you for advocating for the utilization of small businesses to help advance the DOE's mission.

Ron Pierce

Ron P. Pierce, Director
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DOE SMALL BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

FY 2023 first quarter small business data indicates that the Department is on track for another successful year. The DOE's first quarter procurement base is \$7.9B.

The DOE will continue to focus on improving in the four socio-economic categories graded by the SBA: Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSB), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB), and HUBZone Small Businesses.

Below please find a summary of the FY 2023 first quarter prime small business socio-economic achievement, including Federal Procurement Data System-Next Generation (FPDS-NG) and Management and Operations Subcontract Reporting Capability (MOSRC) awards:

Total Small Business Eligible Dollars		\$7,897,419,504.66
	Achievement \$	Achievement %
SDB	\$229,764,867.33	2.91%
WOSB	\$121,475,271.90	1.54%
SDVOSB	\$58,089,225.03	0.74%
HUBZone	\$29,453,220.29	0.37%

As the Department continues its focus on advancing socio-economic small business achievement, the OSDBU would like to stress the importance of meeting the SBA's annual socio-economic goals. The DOE's FY 2023 goal for the Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) socio-economic category is anticipated to increase from the FY 2022 goal of 5%.

While the Department historically achieves all the subcontract socio-economic goaled categories, DOE has fallen short in achieving the SDVOSB and the HUBZone prime socio-economic goals. The Department anticipates that the SDVOSB and HUBZone socio-economic category goals will remain at 3% for FY 2023. We encourage you all to continue to look at opportunities to set aside awards in these socio-economic categories.

OFFICE OF HEADQUARTERS PROCUREMENT SERVICES (MA-64) RECENT SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

The OSDBU is pleased to share two recent small business awards from the DOE's Office of Headquarters Procurement Services (MA-64):



Ryan Miller, Supervisory Contracting Officer at MA-64, recently awarded a competitive Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) contract under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program. The purpose of this contract is to provide operational and management support to the DOE's National Training Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This support includes the development and delivery of safety and security training, management of the facilities and grounds, and cyber-security and information technology support.

The award was made on December 22, 2022, to Eagle Harbor, LLC of Anchorage, Alaska. Eagle Harbor is an Alaska Native Corporation, Small Disadvantaged Business. The total value of this award is \$340,747,400.00, with a maximum period of performance of 10 years. Mr. Miller has been with the Department's Office of Headquarters Procurement Services since 2000. During his career he has provided acquisition services to numerous departmental elements. His team's current portfolio supports the Office of Enterprise Assessment, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Energy Information Administration, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, and Federal Energy Management Program.



Katie Bowen, Contract Specialist at MA-64, awarded a HUBZone Small Business task order on September 26, 2022 under the NITAAC CIO-SP3 Small Business Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) contract. The purpose of this task order is to provide direct applications support (application software development and implementation) to all Energy Information Administration (EIA) program offices. The EIA's Office of Information Technology requires highly professional contractors for IT support. This support will align IT resource expenditures with business goals, missions, and objectives to enable an IT environment that is responsive to organizational requirements. This was awarded to VARIQ CV JV, a HUBZone Small Business. The total value of this award is \$26,999,583.28, with a maximum period of performance of 5 years. Ms. Bowen, has been a federal employee for 15+ years, starting as an intern in the Senate. Her contracting career began in 2010 at the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

On December 13, 2022, the DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) announced the achievement of fusion ignition at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) — a major scientific breakthrough decades in the making that will pave the way for advancements in national defense and the future of clean power.

On December 5, 2022, a team at LLNL's National Ignition Facility (NIF) conducted the first controlled fusion experiment in history to reach this milestone, also known as scientific energy breakeven, meaning it produced more energy from fusion than the laser energy used to drive it. This first-of-its-kind feat will provide unprecedented capability to support NNSA's Stockpile Stewardship Program and will provide invaluable insights into the prospects of clean fusion energy, which would be a game-changer for efforts to achieve President Biden's goal of a net-zero carbon economy.

Over the last 5 years, LLNL has made subcontract awards to over 600 small businesses in support of the NIF. Achieving ignition was made possible by dedication from LLNL employees as well as countless collaborators at DOE's Los Alamos National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories and Nevada National Security Site; and various other stakeholders including at the DOE, NNSA, and in Congress.

Thanks to LLNL Small Business Program Manager Jon Benjamin for sharing information on LLNL's small business support of the NIF. If you would like to share a DOE small business story or have a suggestion for another topic in this newsletter, please email your submissions to Darren Lurie at darren.lurie@hq.doe.gov.



The target chamber of LLNL's National Ignition Facility, where 192 laser beams delivered more than 2 million joules of ultraviolet energy to a tiny fuel pellet to create fusion ignition on Dec. 5, 2022.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Below are recent legislative updates from the Small Business Procurement Advisory Council:

1. Senate and House Consensus (December 6, 2022): National Defense Authorization Act FY 2023 ([H.R. 7776](#))
 - Makes the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program permanent.
 - Codifies the SBA scorecard and adds set-aside data.
 - Requires Congressional reports on consolidated contracts.
 - Authorizes DoD contract modifications to address economic inflation.

2. Final Rule (November 29, 2022): Veteran-Owned, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Certification ([87 FR 73400](#))
 - Governmentwide certification program for SDVOSBs.
 - Effective January 1, 2023, self-certified SDVOSBs have one year to apply to SBA for certification.
 - o Existing VA-certified VOSBs and SDVOSBs stay certified.
 - o VA certifications are extended by 1 year.
 - Certification is required for set-aside or sole source SDVOSB or VOSB contracts.
 - o To get certified, must be a small business tied to a NAICS code on SAM profile.
 - o Unconditionally owned by veteran—but reasonable right of first refusal ok.
 - o Control: no outside obligations that prevent veteran from devoting time/attention.

GOALING UPDATES

The OSDBU is pleased to share the below recent goaling updates:

- The DOE's FY 2023 small business goal is still pending final approval from the SBA.
- The DOE program office small business goaling process will be finalized after DOE receives the final fiscal year goal from SBA.

For questions, please contact Paul E. Ross, Principal Deputy Director, at paule.ross@hq.doe.gov and René Flores Jr., Senior Project Administrator (Contract Support), at rene.flores@hq.doe.gov.

ELECTRONIC SUBCONTRACTING REPORTING SYSTEM (eSRS) OVERVIEW

eSRS is a web-based Government-wide subcontracting system that allows electronic submission, management reports and analyses of subcontracting data in a real-time paperless environment. The SBA uses the management of eSRS by Federal agencies as one of the grading criteria to determine the overall small business achievement in the annual Small Business Procurement Scorecard (please see SBA grading criteria table below).

Prime Contracting Achievement	50% of Scorecard Grade
Subcontracting Achievement	20% of Scorecard Grade
Comparison of the Number of Small Business Prime Contractors in each of the Five Small Business Categories in the Agency's Top 100 Small Business NAICS Codes Between FY 2016 and FY 2017	10% of Scorecard Grade
OSDBU Peer Review on Agency Compliance with Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act	20% of Scorecard Grade

The OSDBU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SBA in FY 2022 related to the small business first-tier subcontracting achievements of the DOE's Management and Operating (M&O) prime contractors for the annual Small Business Procurement Scorecard.

Through the MOU, the SBA and DOE have agreed to coordinate DOE's information collection and SBA's receipt of data. Recognizing that its prior procedures resulted in underreporting, DOE is collecting first-tier subcontracting achievements through eSRS.

Please note: FY 2022 reports will need to be finalized on **March 22, 2023**.

Thanks to Nicola Ohaegbu, OSDBU Senior Small Business Advocate, and DOE Small Business Program Managers' efforts to finalize subcontract reports to help increase DOE's subcontracting achievement. Finalizing the subcontracting reports contributes billions of dollars towards DOE's small business achievement on the annual Small Business Procurement Scorecard from the SBA.

For a helpful guide on eSRS, please refer to the [OSDBU's Small Business Program Manager Training presentation](#) on December 13, 2022.



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OSDBU AND MBDA HOST VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS EVENT AT THE DOE

On November 9, the OSDBU and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Virginia Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Business Center hosted the 4th Annual Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Opportunity Day at the DOE Forrestal Headquarters building in Washington, D.C. More than 600 people registered to attend this in-person and virtual event focusing on information and opportunities to help make it easier for small businesses, including veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, to do business with the DOE.

The event included remarks from Deputy Secretary David Turk and OSDBU Director Ron Pierce. Additionally, the event featured panels of Federal agencies (DOE, MBDA, U.S. Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs), veterans trade organizations (National Veterans Small Business Coalition, Veteran Institute for Procurement), and procurement opportunities with DOE program offices, major laboratories, and sites.



OSDBU Director Ron Pierce at the 4th Annual Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Opportunity Day in Washington, D.C.

2023 DOE's SMALL BUSINESS FORUM & EXPO UPDATE

We are excited to announce that the OSDBU is working hard on launching the website and registration for the 2023 DOE's Small Business Forum & Expo. This event is held in direct support of OSDBU's mission. This two-day conference will feature educational workshops, an exhibit hall with over 100 exhibitors and supporters, as well as business matchmaking sessions.



Additionally, the OSDBU is happy to announce the FY 2022 Annual Small Business Awards Program. Awards will be made to program elements, and eligible power marketing administrations, facility management contractors (FMCs), small business program managers (SBPMs), contracting officers, and small businesses that have demonstrated exceptional performance during FY 2022.

The awards will be presented during the 2023 DOE's Small Business Forum & Expo (New Orleans, LA). Participation is open to DOE program elements and power marketing administrations, facility management contractors, SBPMs, small business prime contractors, Federal and contractor acquisition personnel, and DOE mentors and protégés.

For more information about the conference and the awards program, please contact Anita Anderson (anita.anderson@hq.doe.gov or 202-740-5926).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Below are upcoming small business events and training. Check out the [Small Business Events Calendar](#) on the OSDBU's website for more information.

February 2023

U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) and the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL): HUBZone Small Business Opportunity Day

March 2023

OSDBU and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory: WOSB Small Business Opportunity Day



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