2009 Small Business Agency-Level Industry Awards Winners Announced!

On November 17, 2009, NASA’s Office of Small Business Programs presented the 2009 Small Business Advocates (SBAA) and Industry Awards (SBIA) at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center in Bethesda, MD.

2009 NASA Agency-Level Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year

TYBRIN Corporation

TYBRIN Corporation, a privately owned company founded in 1972, specializes in providing International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001/AS9100 and Capability Maturity Model/ CMM Integrated ((CMM/CMMI) process-based systems and software engineering services to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Department of Defense (DOD), and other Government customers. The vast majority of TYBRIN’s staff hold professional degrees, with many having advanced degrees in engineering and scientific disciplines.

TYBRIN’s worldwide technical support locations enable them to provide superior support to customers such as the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, Air Force Air Armament Center; Air Force Materiel Command; Air Force Flight Test Center; Ogden Air Logistics Center; Air Force Space Command; Aeronautical Systems Center; Naval Air Warfare Center; U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; Electronic Systems Center; Air Force Research Laboratory; Air National Guard; Air Force Reserve Command; System Program Offices; Defense Finance and Accounting Service; combat operational wings; the State of Florida; and others.

TYBRIN has a long history of excellence, and was recognized as a Top 100 Government IT Contractor in 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002. Small business awards from the U.S. Small Business Administration include the National Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award and the Administrator’s Award for Excellence. Other awards include the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award; Microsoft Innovator of the Year Award; Microsoft DOD Best Practice Award; U.S. Small Business Administration's Top 100 Government IT Contractor; and others. Continued on page 2

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Government’s Top 5 Quality Software Projects Award; and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) Vision Award.

For more information on TYBRIN, please visit their Web site at www.tybrin.com.

2009 NASA AGENCY-LEVEL SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

Deep Space Systems, Inc.

Deep Space Systems (DSS) is a woman-owned small business located in Littleton, CO, that provides aerospace engineering services specializing in systems engineering, mission operations, and avionics architecture design. DSS’s approach is to embed one or more subject matter experts into a client’s team to augment its capabilities while avoiding the complications and communication issues that can arise when key contributors are not co-located.

Some of the major NASA programs that DSSI has supported include: ORION, GOES-R, MRO, Mars Phoenix Lander, Juno, GRAIL, and MAVEN. Beyond the direct experience our engineers have as DSSI employees, each brings a wealth of experience on other programs from their long careers in the aerospace industry.

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2009 NASA AGENCY-LEVEL LARGE BUSINESS PRIME CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

ATK Launch Systems

ATK Space Systems leads the industry in solid rocket propulsion systems, strategic missiles, missile defense, lightweight space deployable,

SBS SPOTLIGHT

TIMOTHY PIERCE

Timothy Pierce grew up in Washington, DC and graduated from Spingarn High School. He attended college at St. Edward’s University in Austin, TX. After graduation he returned to DC. Tim worked in the private industry for a few years before he started his Government career (in 1989) at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) as a contract specialist buying aviation jet fuel. He worked for a year at DLA and later got a Contract Specialist job at NASA in late 1990.

He worked in contracts for almost 20 years and wanted a change of pace. The Small Business Specialist (SBS) job was available and he jumped at the opportunity.

His favorite part is educating Small Business (SB) vendors on the acquisition process and how small business considerations are factored into the decision on whether an acquisition will be set-aside for small business. He found that many small businesses are not familiar with how the Government does business. His experience in contracts has greatly benefitted him in excelling at the SBS job.

Tim believes that the biggest issue for SB in the future is adjusting to no longer being a small business. Many SB owners need to plan for doing business as an “other than small business” concern, especially SB prime contractors. Mentoring, partnering, and establishing strategic alliances with other small businesses (today) can help them remain major players in the acquisitions that currently prime.

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As the calendar year comes to a close, it appears that NASA will exceed our small business goal for the third straight year. This great accomplishment is only possible through the efforts of the entire agency. This year, six of our ten Centers met or exceeded all five negotiated Small Business goals. I would like to recognize ARC, DFRC, JSC, KSC, LaRC, and MSFC for their commitment to the NASA Small Business Program.

We recently completed our 2nd Annual Small Business Symposium and Awards Ceremony where we recognized the Centers’ Small Business Industry Award (SBIA) and the Small Business Advocates Award (SBAA) winners, and announced the Agency-level industry winners. The 2009 Agency-level SBIA winners were: TYBRIN Corporation; Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year; ATK Launch Systems; Large Business Subcontractor of the Year; and ATK Launch Systems; Large Business Prime Contractor of the Year.

The following SBAA winners deserve special recognition for their efforts in making the NASA Small Business Program such a success this past year. PROCUREMENT PERSON OF THE YEAR from Stennis Space Center: Mr. Jason F. Edge; TECHNICAL PERSON OF THE YEAR from the Glenn Research Center: Ms. Gynelle C. Steele; PROGRAM TEAM OF THE YEAR from the Johnson Space Center: the International Space Station Program Integration and Control Source Evaluation Board comprised of Mr. Mathew T. Gray, Ms. Andrea R. Falls, Ms. Elizabeth S. Smith, and Ms. Lauren N. Johnson; and the SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR from NASA Headquarters: Dr. Eleanor N. Chiogioji.

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2009 Small Business Advocates Awards Winners

Small Business Specialist of the Year
Headquarters
- Dr. Eleanor N. Chiogioji

Procurement Person of the Year
Stennis Space Center
- Jason F. Edge

Technical Person of the Year
Glenn Research Center
- Gynelle C. Steele

Program Team of the Year
International Space Station Program Integration and Control Source Evaluation Board
Johnson Space Center
- Lauren N. Johnson
- Elizabeth S. Smith
- Matthew T. Gray
- Andre R. Falls

2009 Small Business Center-Level Industry Awards Winners

Small Business Prime Contractors of the Year
- Tessada & Associates, Inc.
  Ames Research Center
- TYBRIN Corporation
  Dryden Flight Research Center
- Sierra Lobo, Inc.
  Glenn Research Center
- Rodriguez Precision Optics, Inc.
  Goddard Space Flight Center
- ProDyn EPES, LLC.
  Johnson Space Center
- Abacus Technology Corporation
  Kennedy Space Center
- Science Systems and Applications, Inc.
  Langley Research Center
- SEI Group, Inc.
  Marshall Space Flight Center
- Applied Geo Technologies, Inc.
  Stennis Space Center

Small Business Subcontractors of the Year
- Locus Technologies
  Ames Research Center
- MSM Group, Inc.
  Glenn Research Center
- Columbus Technologies and Services, Inc.
  Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Deep Space Systems, Inc.
  Johnson Space Center

Large Business Prime Contractors of the Year
- Jacobs Technology, Inc.
  Ames Research Center
- Computer Sciences Corporation
  Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- United Space Alliance, LLC.
  Kennedy Space Center
- Analex Corporation
  Kennedy Space Center
- ATK Launch Systems
  Marshall Space Flight Center
- Computer Sciences Corporation
  Stennis Space Center
I hope that everyone had very happy and safe holiday season. I also want to recognize and say thank you to two of the Centers’ Small Business Specialists who are moving on. They both have had a lasting impact on the NASA Small Business Program, and their presence at our quarterly meetings will be greatly missed. Mr. Timothy Pierce received a promotion and will move back into the procurement organization as the Chief, Exploration Systems Branch at GRC. Mr. Vernon Vann will be retiring from LaRC after 35 years of service. You both have my respect and deepest appreciation for what you have done for the program.

I hope that everyone had a very happy and safe holiday season, and I wish you a great New Year.

GLENN A. DELGADO
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22nd Annual JPL High-Tech Conference
March 2–3, 2010
Web site: https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/htc/

20th Annual OSDBU Procurement Conference
April 21, 2010
Dulles Expo Center
Chantilly, Virginia
Web site: https://www.fbcinc.com/osdbu/

SBS Council and SBIP Meetings
Glenn Research Center
June 14-16, 2010
Internal NASA meeting

6th Annual National Veteran Small Business Conference & Expo
July 19-22, 2010
Las Vegas, Nevada
Web site: http://www.nationalveteransconference.com

For more OSBP calendar dates, visit our Web site at http://www.osbp.nasa.gov/.

SUCCESS STORY SUBMISSION SCHEDULE:

DEADLINE PUBLISHED
April 30th June
July 31st September
October 31st December
January 31st March

To submit an article:

The Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) Newsletter is the Quarterly Electronic Publication of the NASA OSBP.

OSBP welcomes articles and opinion pieces that are directed to advocates of small businesses. These articles are printed as space is available and should be approximately 750-1,000 words in length. Articles that were printed elsewhere cannot be reprinted in the OSBP Newsletter without written permission from the original printing source.

Do you have a small business success story that could inspire small business collaboration and advocacy? If so, tell us about it. Send your “success story” to smallbusiness@nasa.gov. Please type “newsletter” in the subject line of your e-mail.

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OSBP WEB SITE:

The NASA Office of Small Business Programs Web site is up and proving successful in helping individuals and companies to navigate small business policy, procedure, and best practices at NASA.

The purpose of the Web site, www.osbp.nasa.gov, is to share the vision of the small business program at NASA, as well as provide pertinent information on how to do business with NASA.