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Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Award

On November 5, 2007, the Department of Defense honored the first recipients of its SDVOSB Award in a ceremony held at the Pentagon. Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England, Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition & Technology James Finley, and Director DoD Office of Small Business Programs, Anthony Martoccia presented the awards in recognition of the exemplary performance of Federal acquisition professionals and SDVOSB firms in providing innovative technologies for the Warfighter in Fiscal Year 2006.

Mr. Jack Beecher, Small Business Specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Norfolk District, received the Acquisition Professional Award for his extraordinary contributions to veteran contracting through the Army's SDVOSB Program. Mr. Beecher's efforts have created a culture where acquisition strategies focus on the participation of Small Business, and particularly SDVOSBs. As a direct result of his advocacy, Norfolk District surpassed its 3% goal for SDVOSB contract awards.

Two Army contractors, Lanmark Technology, Inc. (LMT) and J.M. Waller Associates, Inc. (JMWA), were recipients of the SDVOSB Firm award. LMT is an 8(a) certified, SDVOSB, Woman-Owned, Small Disadvantaged Business based in Fairfax, VA. LMT has become a recognized name that government agencies and industry leaders have come to count on for an array of technical services. Currently, over 72% of the LMT workforce is comprised of service-disabled veterans. JMWA is a SDVOSB firm headquartered in Burke, Virginia, that supplies clients with technical services and best management practices in environmental, facility, and logistics/sustaining engineering. JMWA has experience working at more than 2,000 project sites worldwide, including 69 Army installations. In Fiscal Year 2006, JMWA employed more than 90 veterans and at least 19 service-disabled veterans.

The SDVOSB Program was established in 1999, under Public Law 106-50, to foster career opportunities for disabled service members. Among other initiatives, this critical program mandates that 3% of all Federal prime contracting and subcontracting dollars go to small service-disabled veteran-owned companies.

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