

SMALL BUSINESS SECTOR

CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE ACQUISITION INITIATIVES FORUM (CBDAIF)

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Small Business Sector Goal

Increase, promote, champion, develop and encourage the use of small businesses in CBD acquisition practices for research, development and procurement of CBD goods and services.

Small Business Sector Charter

- Review, discuss, and recommend initiatives in acquisition excellence that are of joint benefit to the CBD small business sector and the CBD stakeholders.
- Examine industry and government practices that impact the small business sector in the acquisition of goods and services in support of the CBD stakeholders.
- Recommend, promote and increase the utilization of small businesses in research, development and acquisition of CBD services and hardware.

Small Business Sector Challenges

A Year Into the Weapons Systems Reform Act of 2009

- Small businesses (and large) are spending a great deal of resources on development efforts to meet the government needs, yet many of the programs do not go forward or are delayed discouraging small business participation.
- The new acquisition rules are not as much as a concern as the lack of progress on the basic programs in all the areas that the JPEO supports.
- Delays in the Chemical Biological Defense Early Warning System (CBDEWS) program due to the need to go back and address MS A type issues.

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- Deep cuts imposed on new starts in the FY2010 Defense Appropriations Bill as well as the direction to push almost all of the remaining new start money towards Non-Traditional Agents (NTA) research. This will have a significant impact on the Next Generation Chemical Standoff Detector and Joint Biological Point Detection System programs.

What are BG Scarbrough thoughts on moving this programs forward?

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- Move for the implementation of open architecture interfaces may open opportunities for small businesses.
- Need for more funded SBIR projects dedicated to CBD focused areas such as new materials and novel solutions that address the day to day issues experienced by the War fighter.
- Contract bundling continues to affect small business participation

Small Business Sector New Representative

- My term is now complete.
- Mr. Barry Corona is the new Small Business Sector Representative