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TWO CALIFORNIA FIRMS WIN TOP HONORS FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONTRACTING DURING SBA'S 35TH ANNUAL PROCUREMENT CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON – Two federal contractors, both from California, were honored today – one as National Small Business Contractor of the Year and the other as National Subcontractor of the Year – during ceremonies marking the final major awards event of the U.S. Small Business Administration's 35th Annual Industry/SBA Procurement Conference.

CSA Engineering Inc. received the National Small Business Prime Contractor Award and **Warner Aircraft Engineering Corporation** received the National Subcontractor of the Year Award.

The two companies, CSA Engineering, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif. and Warner Aircraft Engineering Corporation of Paramount, Calif., joined an elite group of small business owners and government contracting officials nationwide who were honored during the conference. The conference, which began on May 8 and ends today at the Renaissance Washington, D.C., Hotel, featured award ceremonies, a business exposition and a first-ever procurement matchmaking event that provided small business owners with prospective contracting opportunities.

“This week, we are recognizing government contracting officials, private sector companies and most of all small businesses, our customers, for their outstanding contributions in government contracting,” said SBA Administrator Hector Barreto. **“This is a fitting way to end National Small Business Week, honoring these two great companies that have done so much for their employees, their communities and for the federal agencies that contract with them. We can honor their achievements, and those of all small business owners, by working harder to broaden access to federal contracts and use them to stimulate economic growth and small business ownership in all communities across America.”**

A number of other small businesses, large prime contractors and government agencies were selected for individual awards during the conference for their commitment to providing contracting and subcontracting opportunities to small, women-owned businesses and small disadvantaged businesses.

The SBA selected the following small businesses, large prime contractors and government agencies to receive the following national awards:

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Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year Award

Mr. Conor Johnson
President, CSA Engineering, Inc.
Mountain View, Calif.

CSA Engineering, Inc. is recognized as a leading provider of innovative solutions for vibration, precision motion, and noise control. Founded in 1982, the majority of CSA's products and services have been focused on managing the dynamic behavior of high-technology aerospace structures for defense applications. CSA's innovations can also be found in automotive safety devices, products for semiconductor manufacturing, optical switches, and other industrial applications. CSA draws from an extensive array of skills and technologies that include passive vibration damping and isolation devices, active isolation and motion control systems, smart materials such as piezoelectrics and manotorheological fluids, lightweight membrane optics, and advanced techniques for dynamic modeling and testing.

Small Business Subcontractor of the Year Award

Mr. Tommy Warner
President, Warner Aircraft Engineering Corporation
Paramount, Calif.

Founded in 1959, Warner Aircraft Engineering Corp. has gone from a 25-person tool and die shop to a 250-person multi-building technological facility and multi-million dollar business that helps to maintain our national defense. AEC subcontracts with major aerospace companies, including Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company and the U.S. military. During the 1980s, AEC was awarded the Vertical Launch System for the United States and Canadian Navies, becoming the only company to build and facilitate the ship-to-air missile elevators for the country.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence

This award is presented to large business prime contractors that have excelled at using small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. The award honors companies in five categories, including construction, manufacturing, research and development, service and utilities. The recipients are:

Stone & Webster Baton Rouge, La.	Construction category
Northrop Grumman Corp. Los Angeles, Calif.	Manufacturing category
Los Alamos National Laboratory Los Alamo, N.M.	Research & Development category
Westinghouse TRU Solutions LLC Greenwood Village, Colo.	Service category
Georgia Power Atlanta, Ga.	Utility category

Frances Perkins Vanguard Award

The *Frances Perkins Vanguard Award* honors government agencies, government officials and corporations in the private sector that use women-owned small businesses as prime contractors, subcontractors and suppliers.

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This year's *Frances Perkins Vanguard Award* winners are:

Ms. A. Jo Baylor
Director, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization
The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Mr. Ralph Thomas
Assistant Administrator, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Mr. Kevin Boshears
Director of the Office of Small Business Development and vice-chair of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Director's Interagency Council
Department of Treasury

Mr. Mark Hughes
Science Applications International Corporation

Joseph A. "Bud" Ahearn
CH2M

Gold Star Federal Agency Award

The *Gold Star Federal Agency Award* recognizes the exemplary performance of federal personnel within the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization who carry out the aggressive procurement goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure a role for small business in the federal marketplace. This year's recipients are:

Mr. Sean Moss
Director, Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization
Department of Transportation

Ms. B.J. Douglass
Advocate for Women-owned Businesses for
Office of Small Disadvantaged Business Utilization
Housing & Urban Development

Mr. Kevin Boshears
Director of the Office of Small Business Development and vice-chair of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Director's Interagency Council
Department of Treasury

A list of all winners is available at www.sba.gov/gc/35thprocurement.

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