

2016 Georgia Veteran Small Business Champion

Holly Laine Hutson

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As Amec Foster Wheeler's Small Business Liaison Officer, Holly Hutson assisted over six veteran owned (VOSB) and 19 service disabled owned small businesses (SDVOSB) attain federal project in 2015 alone. She also ensured that the veteran community received a fair share of subcontracts last year, with \$8.8 million going to VOSBs and \$2.8 million to SDVOSBs, representing 20.1 percent and 8.8 percent respectively of Wheeler's total subcontract awards. These numbers reflect a significant increase in subcontract to both VSOB and SDVOSB over the previous year and in the case of SDVOSB, is over double the US governments SDVOSB subcontracting goal of 3 percent.



These numbers resulted from many years of work targeted to increasing business opportunities for veterans. For the past ten years, Hutson has used her position to craft strategies to attract and retain small businesses to Amec Foster Wheeler's subcontractor pool, particularly VSOBs and SDVOSBs. Her efforts have helped the company win multiple awards for its work with small businesses. Hutson's individual advocacy work for veterans includes fundraising efforts for K9s for Warriors, which raised almost \$2,400 at a small business networked event and funds raised in memory of deceased beloved Amec Foster Wheeler employee and Vietnam veteran Buddy Allgood for the Wounded Warrior Organization.

A tribute to the success as an advocate for veterans and veteran owned businesses, Hutson was selected as a co-presenter at USAID's Veterans Small Business Conference in November, 2015.