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SBA and GSA Renew Agreement to Work to Increase Small Business Contracting Opportunities

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration (GSA) have renewed their agreement to strengthen the relationship between the two agencies and share information about small business contracting opportunities in order to encourage more small business participation in the GSA's federal contract procurement process.

The memorandum of understanding, which was signed today, also will bring the two agencies together to disseminate to small businesses information about opportunities for contracts, training, workshops and matchmaking-type events taking place across the country.

"The Bush Administration has seen more federal contracting dollars awarded to small businesses than ever before, but we know we can do more," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "This partnership will help us do that by integrating our activities better and sharing more information with small businesses looking for contracting opportunities."

Under the agreement, the GSA and SBA will work together to have GSA representatives to attend federal contracting workshops and matchmaking events held across the country.

The SBA will help the GSA identify industries in which there are many small businesses capable of fulfilling federal contracts, provide information to GSA on SBA's Mentor-Protégé, 8(a) Business Development and other federal contracting programs, and will issue quarterly reports on the status of GSA's major procurement goals for small businesses, women-owned small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, HUBZone businesses and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

The GSA will also provide updated forecasts of contracting opportunities to be awarded.

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