

TRIAD



AGENDA

TRIAD SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY PANEL

National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Aerospace Industries Association (AIA)

NDIA
Ms. Diane Dempsey
BAE Systems

AIA
Ms. Benita Fortner
Raytheon Company

Brief Overview of TRIAD

The TRI-Association Small Business Advisory Panel [TRI-AD] was formed in 1967 to coordinate and leverage the small business subcontracting enhancement efforts of subcontracting representatives of three industry associations.

Each of the founding organizations designates an individual to serve as its representative. Collectively, these individuals form the organizations' leadership team. The team's primary responsibilities include organizing and conducting council meetings, coordinating the organizations advocacy activities, and acting as council liaison with federal government officials regarding small business related legislation, policy, etc.

When the organization was formed, the group's membership base consists of small business professionals from major corporations and members, or associate members of its founding/ sponsoring organizations. Although, there are no membership dues; a registration fee for the general meetings is required, for all attendees.

The organization is now sponsored by AIA and NDIA, holding two general meetings per year – fall and winter. These meetings provide an opportunity for members to exchange small business related “best practices” and facilitate broad-based government - industry communications, cooperation, and understanding. The meetings are now led by the two co-chairs, Benita Fortner and Diane Dempsey. Selection of agenda topics is at the discretion of the meeting leader; however, each meeting includes a federal government agency discussion/ briefing component.

TRIAD Agenda

- 7:30 am - 5:00 pm** **REGISTRATION OPEN**
- 7:30 am - 8:00 am** **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 8:00 am - 8:20 am** **WELCOME**
- ▶ Ms. Diane Dempsey, *NDIA TRIAD Co-Chair, Meeting Chairperson; Director, Socio Economic Programs, BAE Systems*
 - ▶ Pledge of Allegiance
 - ▶ Introductions of TRIAD Members and Guests
- 8:20 am - 8:50 am** **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
- ▶ Mr. Jimmy Thomas, *Director, Legislative Policy, NDIA*
- 8:50 am - 9:30 am** **OSD UPDATE**
- ▶ Mr. Kenyata Wesley, *Deputy Director, DoD Office of Small Business Programs*
- 9:30 am - 9:40 am** **BREAK**
- 9:40 am - 10:45 am** **ARMED FORCES PANEL**
- ▶ Moderator: Ms. Benita Fortner, *Director, Supplier Diversity, The Raytheon Company*
 - ▶ Mr. Lee Rosenberg, *Director, Small Business Programs, Missile Defense Agency*
 - ▶ Mrs. Patricia Obey, *Deputy Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Secretary of the Navy*
 - ▶ Ms. Amy Sajda, *Director, Small Business Programs, Defense Logistics Agency*
 - ▶ Ms. Pamela Monroe, *Program Manager, Subcontracting and Mentor-Protégé, Office of the Secretary of the Army*
 - ▶ Mr. Mark Teskey, *Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Under Secretary of the Air Force, United States Department of the Air Force*
- 10:45 am - 11:30 am** **INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY PANEL**
- ▶ Ms. Maria Kersey, *Programs Director, Office of Small Business, Defense Intelligence Agency*
 - ▶ Mr. Scott Jackson, *Director, Office of Small Business Programs, National Security Agency*
 - ▶ Mr. Alaric (Dale) Rainey, *Team Lead, Contracts Policy Division, Office of Contract Services, NGA*
- 11:30 am - 11:45 am** **VETS 2014 & 2015**
- ▶ Mr. Scott Denniston, *Executive Director, National Veteran Small Business Coalition*
- 11:45 am - 12:15 pm** **DCMA UPDATE**
- ▶ Ms. Tatia Evelyn-Bellamy, *Director, Small Business Division (AQS) and Center (AQSC) Small Business Ombudsman, DCMA*
- 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm** **NETWORKING LUNCHEON**
- 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm** **NUNN PERRY AWARD WINNER PANEL**
- ▶ Moderator: Ms. Chireda Gaither, *Manager, CSC*
 - ▶ Mr. Tizoc Loza, *Corporate Manager Mentor-Protege, Northrop Grumman Corporation*
 - ▶ Ms. Stephanie Poppe, *Supply Chain Manager and Small Business Liaison Officer, General Dynamics C4 Systems*
 - ▶ Mr. Wayne Evans, Jr., *Mason Enterprise Center, Mentor-Protege Program, George Mason University*
- 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm** **U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
- ▶ Mr. John Shoraka, *Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business Development, U.S. Small Business Administration Government Contracting*
- 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm** **BREAK**

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- 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm** **MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**
▶ Ms. Alejandra Castillo, *National Director, Minority Business Development Agency*
- 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm** **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
▶ Mr. Tom Leney, *Executive Director for Small and Veteran Business Programs, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*
- 4:00 pm - 4:20 pm** **SUCCESS STORY SPOTLIGHT**
▶ Ms. Jenifer Scoffield, *Small Business Liaison Officer, ATK Aerospace Systems*
▶ Ms. Thosie Varga, *Supplier Diversity Liaison Officer, L-3 Communications Integrated Systems*
- 4:20 pm - 4:25 pm** **ALLIANCE OF SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PROGRAM PROFESSIONS**
▶ Ms. Joan Davidson, *Small Business Liaison Officer, Hamilton Sundstrand*
- 4:25 pm - 4:55 pm** **OPEN DISCUSSION**
- 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm** **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**
▶ Ms. Diane Dempsey, *NDIA TRIAD Co-Chair, Meeting Chairperson; Director, Socio Economic Programs, BAE Systems*
- 5:00 pm** **ADJOURN**



Ms. Diane Dempsey
NDIA TRIAD Co-Chair, Meeting Chairperson
Director, Socio Economic Programs
BAE Systems

Ms Dempsey is a frequent speaker at small business conferences across the United States. She has been recognized for her advocacy, receiving several awards:

- Directors Award – OSDBU – Environmental Protection Agency – November 2004
- VA Minority Supplier Development Council – Advocate of the Year – December 2004
- VA Minority Supplier Development Council – Advocate of the Year – December 2006
- Community Business Partnership- Excellence Award - 2008
- Parren Mitchell Founder’s Award – 2008
- Powerful Minority Woman in Business Award – MEA Magazine – 2010
- 2010 SBA Metropolitan District, Veteran Advocate.
- 2011 Chairman’s Challenge Award, VA Minority Supplier Development Council.
- 2012 DiversityBusiness.com Top Champions Award
- 2013 Presidents Award – MD/DC Minority Supplier Development Council
- 2013 Outstanding Leadership Award – VA Minority Supplier Development Council
- 2014 Minority Business Development Agency Distinguished Supplier Diversity Award

Ms Dempsey’s career spans over 25 years in the field of procurement, subcontracts and supplier diversity. Currently the Director, Socio Economic Business Programs at BAE Systems Intelligence & Security, Ms Dempsey has also been a small business advocate for the Hughes Corporation, Northrop Grumman, DynCorp, and CSC. She is active in the small business community, serving as the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council, Second Vice Chair, former Chair, VA Minority Supplier Development Council and current Chair, Community Business Partnership, Board of Directors. She has co-chaired the Veterans in Business Conference for eight consecutive years. She is Co-Chair for the TRIAD Organization and active in both AFCEA and NDIA Small Business Committees.

Ms Dempsey is a former adjunct professor teaching a variety of business and acquisition classes at Northern VA Community College and Stratford University for five years. She was named 2005 Instructor of the Year, Stratford University. She is also an instructor for the Alliance of Supplier Diversity Professionals Certification Program. She received her B.S. from Mary Washington College, Certificate in Contracts & Procurements, University of Virginia, and Masters Certificate in Procurement & Supply Chain Management, MS and MBA from the University of Maryland. She is also a certified supplier diversity professional.



Mr. Jimmy Thomas
Director, Legislative Policy
NDIA

Jimmy Thomas is the Director of Legislative Policy at the National Defense Industrial Association. He is the NDIA lead for congressional engagement and the primary point of contact for Members of Congress and their staff within the Association, with a particular focus on the House of Representatives.

Before joining NDIA, Jimmy served as the Legislative Director and National Security Policy Advisor to Congressman Duncan Hunter of California, a member of the House Armed Services Committee and Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. In that capacity, Jimmy was responsible for all policy matters related to national security, foreign affairs, and veterans issues. He offered Congressman Hunter key advice and recommendations on matters relating to Iraq and Afghanistan, intelligence gathering and dissemination, industrial base policy, and military readiness and training, among many other policy matters.

Previously, Jimmy worked in Administration of President George W. Bush as a Legislative Specialist in the Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade at the Department of Commerce. Jimmy managed all legislative activity for the International Trade Administration, assisted in drafting testimony for Congressional hearings, and provided strategic legislative advice to senior ITA principals.

From 2002 to 2010, Jimmy served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve with combat deployments to Iraq where he led Marines on search and recovery operations in the Al Anbar Province in western Iraq. He received numerous medals and awards, including the Marine Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter Award.

Jimmy is a graduate of the University of Dayton.



Mr. Kenyata Wesley **Deputy Director, DoD Office of Small Business Programs**

Serving as the Deputy of DoD OSBP Technology and Innovation, Mr. Kenyata L. Wesley serves as the Deputy to the Director of DoD Small Business Office. Mr. Wesley is responsible for the oversight of DoD SBIR/ STTR, Mentor Protégé', STEM, Small Business workforce reshaping, as well as Outreach, and Indian Incentive Programs. Mr. Wesley was selected in to Senior Executive Service in 2014. Previously, Mr. Wesley served as the Chief Associate Director for Small Business Programs, Mr. Wesley was the Principle Advisor to the CECOM Commanding General/Head of Contracting Activity on Small Business.. He also served as the primary liaison between the Army Contracting Command-Aberdeen Proving Ground and CECOM/C4ISR. He served as the primary program

manager

for CECOM's Small Business and HBCU/MI program. He had the primary responsibility working with AMC and the Army Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) to establish and monitor goals and their achievement.

Mr. Wesley earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Wayland Baptist University in 2001, a Master's Business Administration from Alaska Pacific University in 2002. He is Level III DAWIA Contracting Certified and is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. Mr. Wesley is also a proud Veteran of the United States Air Force.

Prior to being selected for The CECOM/C4ISR position, Mr. Wesley served as Director/Chief of Contracting for Letterkenny Army Depot. He has held various other assignments to include Deputy for Small Business Programs for PEOSTRI, Contract Specialist for the U.S. Navy NAVFAC at Camp Lejeune, NC, Contracting Officer for the Corps of Engineers to include multiple temporary assignments in a contingency environment, Senior Contract Specialist for both DLA and Fort McPherson, GA. He has also served as a cost price analyst for Tooele Army Depot Deseret Complex, in Stockton Utah.

Mr. Wesley has received an Army Civilian Achievement Medal for his accomplishments while serving as a senior Contract Specialist for the Army Contracting Agency Fort McPherson, GA. He also received several commendations while serving as the Deputy for Small Business Programs at Program Executive Office Simulation Training and CECOM/C4ISR. These assignments have broadened his knowledge of the Contracting and Acquisition career fields to include Small Business. He utilizes this experience in working with diverse customers, to incorporate effective small business participation in their acquisition strategies.



Ms. Benita Fortner
Director, Supplier Diversity
The Raytheon Company

Benita Fortner is the director of supplier diversity for Raytheon Company. She assumed the position in September 2000 after serving as the socioeconomic program manager for Raytheon Company. Raytheon Company (NYSE: RTN), with 2012 sales of \$24 billion and 68,000 employees worldwide, is a technology and innovation leader specializing in defense, security and civil markets throughout the world. Raytheon's global headquarters is in Waltham, Mass.

Prior to joining Raytheon, Fortner served as the Corporate Liaison Officer and manager of Socioeconomic Programs for Hughes Electronics Corporation, where she held numerous management positions over a 28-eight year career.

Fortner is the 2014 incoming chair for the Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBENC) and currently serves as one of two co-chairs of the TRIAD (an aerospace and defense industry group focused on government small business issues). She serves as chair of the Advisory Board for the Tuck Minority Business Executive Programs and previously served on the Board of Overseers for the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. She is a past chair of the board of directors for Diversity Information Resources. She currently serves on the boards of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, the New England Minority Supplier Development Council, the Women's Business Enterprise National Council, the Business Consortium Fund and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Resource Council.

Fortner has been involved in minority and women business outreach and development for more than 20 years. Her leadership roles in government and industry include: the National Chair for MED Week 2002–2004 and named Chair Emeritus in 2005; and the U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Week Planning Committee. She is a past chair of the National Minority Supplier Development Council's Chairperson's Committee, the Southern California Regional Purchasing Council, and a past Executive Committee Member of NMSDC. She has participated in a myriad of supplier diversity and development conferences and seminars from planning and facilitating to speaking and conducting workshops.

In her previous position as procurement manager at Hughes Aircraft Company, she was instrumental in significantly increasing the number of corporate agreements awarded to small, minority and women-owned suppliers, implementing supplier customer feedback sessions, and second tier alliances. Fortner participated on the team that researched and implemented electronic data interchange as a purchasing vehicle.

Fortner served on the Youth Motivation Task Force as a volunteer for more than 20 years. She has also served as an Advisory Board Member to Yo-San University (School of Traditional Chinese Medicine). Fortner holds a bachelor of science in law and Juris Doctor's degree from Golden West University and completed Raytheon's Business Leadership Program.

Mr. Lee Rosenberg

Director, Small Business Programs

Missile Defense Agency

Mr. Lee R. Rosenberg is the Director for Small Business Programs at the Missile Defense Agency (MDA). He has responsibility for the development and oversight of MDA's small business program and acts as an advocate for the utilization of small businesses throughout the Agency. His responsibilities also include oversight of MDA's Small Business Program, the Agency's small business outreach efforts and the Agency's Mentor-Protégé Program.

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Rosenberg was assigned within the MDA Contracts Directorate as part of the Acquisition Support Cadre, where he assisted various MDA program offices in developing innovative acquisition strategies to satisfy program requirements.

Mr. Rosenberg spent 21 years as an Army Officer serving in a variety of operational and acquisition positions including holding an unlimited warrant as a contracting officer and buying section chief with the U. S. Army Troop Support Command; serving as the competition advocate for the Defense Contract Administrative Region-St. Louis; performing duties as a Defense Information Systems Agency procurement staff officer responsible for migrating legacy systems into an integrated open system architecture; assignment as an investigative officer and acquisition advisor to the U.S. Army Inspector General; and assignment as an acquisition reform staff officer within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition.

Upon his retirement from the Army in 1997, Mr. Rosenberg worked for a variety of small and large business contractors supporting the Department of Defense and various Military Services. He authored and presented acquisition reform classes to Government contracting and acquisition personnel and provided acquisition support services to several Army and Marine Corps programs located in the U.S. Army Program Manager for Mines, Countermine and Demolitions and the Office of Naval Research. Additionally he authored several case studies utilized in the PMT 401 course, the capstone acquisition course, taught in the Defense Acquisition University and supported the Department of Defense Acquisition Reform Office.

Mr. Rosenberg re-entered government service as a Department of Defense civilian in 2003 while working at MDA.

Mrs. Patricia Obey
Deputy Director
Office of Small Business Programs, Office of the Secretary of the Navy

Ms. Obey is the Deputy Director at the Office of the Secretary of Navy, Small Business Programs. She is a member of the Defense Acquisition Regulation's Small Business Committee. Ms. Obey is also a member of the Federal Acquisition Regulation that process cases to implement statutory and regulatory changes to enhance small business prime and subcontracting opportunities. Ms. Obey assumed her current position at the Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) in July 2012.

Ms. Obey began her civil service career in 1986 as a Contracting Officer for the Marine Corps Non-Appropriated Funds Purchasing Office, Okinawa, Japan. She has served as a Contracting Officer with various military departments. Her responsibilities included pre-award and post-award contracting functions, as well as policy development.

Prior to her appointment to the Navy Office of Small Business Programs, she was the Deputy Director, Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization at Naval Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters (NAVFACHQ) responsible for monitoring all socio-economic program activities as they relate to contracting for architect-engineering services, construction and facility support services.

Ms. Obey served on active duty with the Air Force from 1974 to 1985. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Accounting from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Obey is a member of the Acquisition Professional Community.



Ms. Amy Sajda
Director, Small Business Programs
Defense Logistics Agency

Ms. Sajda is the Director of Small Business Programs for the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). In this role, she acts as the principal advisor and assistant to the Director, DLA, and agency leadership, on all matters relating to small business, and to maximize the contributions of small business in DLA acquisitions. She provides small business advocacy and promotes small business utilization to strengthen the competency, commitment, and capability of the industrial base that fulfills DLA's mission as America's Combat Logistics Support Agency. In addition, she is delegated cooperative agreement authority to carry out the Procurement Technical Assistance (PTA) Program.

Ms. Sajda previously served as the DLA Policy member of the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council; and as the Division Chief of Acquisition Operations within DLA Acquisition; the Department of Defense Pillar Lead implementing the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) 2005 decision to transfer procurement management and related support functions for Depot-Level Repairables from the Military Services to DLA.

Ms. Sajda is Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Level III Certified in the Contracting career field. Ms. Sajda holds a Masters of Business Administration Degree from the University of Phoenix; a Bachelor of Arts degree from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in Communications with a concentration in Public Relations; and an Associate in Arts degree from Camden County Community College, New Jersey.



Ms. Pamela Monroe
Program Manager, Subcontracting and Mentor-Protégé
Office of the Secretary of the Army

Ms. Pamela Monroe assumed her new role as Program Manager, Army Subcontracting and Mentor-Protégé Programs, in November 2013. Prior to joining the Headquarters Department of the Army Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), she was the Assistant Director for the Army Contracting Command National Capital Region (ACC-NCR) OSBP from June 2003 to July 2013. As the Assistant Director, she was the principal advisor to the ACC-NCR Executive Director, the Headquarters Department of Army OSBP, the Headquarters ACC-OSPB, and the Small Business Administration on small business matters. She successfully managed the small business program by writing and implementing agency Standard Operating Procedures for approximately 300 contracting personnel. During her tenure at the ACC-NCR she planned and organized the first Woman-Owned Small Business and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Showcases in the Pentagon Concourse. In addition, during her tenure, ACC-NCR won several awards for exceeding the three percent SDVOSB goal.

Ms. Monroe is the first Department of Defense and first Department of the Army recipient of the Department of Defense Office of Small Business Programs “Golden Talon Award” in recognition of the dedication and efforts made toward significantly increasing contracting opportunities for SDVOSBs.

Ms. Monroe’s career began as a Contract Specialist Intern at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma from 1984-1994. She worked as a Contract Administrator, Cost and Zero-Over Pricing Analyst and Warranted Contracting Officer for contracts administration on a major weapons system. In 1994, she was selected to enter the Advanced Copper Cap Contracting Intern Program at Andrews Air Force Base, MD and continued the program at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC. The Copper Cap Program afforded her an opportunity to rotate into different contracting offices where she learned base, construction and information assurance contracting. Her final rotation was an assignment at the Secretariat of the Air Force Acquisition Contracting Office. Upon completion of the intern program she worked as a contract and small business specialist until August 2000.

From August 2000 to June 2003, Ms. Monroe was the Associate Director for the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) Small Business Programs. She significantly increased small business opportunities for small business trucking companies by successfully negotiating base and option year subcontracting plans with large business freight and trucking companies. She also planned, organized and implemented the first small business conference at the annual world-wide MTMC Symposium. The purpose of the conference was to provide a forum for small business to form teaming arrangements for future requirements and become registered approved government carriers. The small business forum targeted trucking companies that move freight and household goods, small business owners of storage and warehouse facilities, and other small business transporters.

Ms. Monroe has a Bachelor of Science and Master’s Degree. She is Level III certified in Contracts Acquisition and is a member of the Army Acquisition Corps.



Mr. Mark Teskey
Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Under Secretary of the Air Force
United States Department of the Air Force

Mark S. Teskey, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is the Director of Air Force Small Business Programs, located in the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. He is responsible for policy, advocacy, execution, and advice pertaining to Small Business Programs and personnel throughout the department.

Mr. Teskey entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps at Clemson University and was commissioned upon graduation in 1986. He entered the Educational Delay program, attended the University of South Carolina School of Law,

and was accepted into the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps in 1989. After retiring from active duty, he served in the Department of the Interior as the Associate Solicitor for General Law and as the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

Prior to joining the Department of the Interior, Mr. Teskey served over 23 years in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps specializing in Government Acquisition Law and National Security issues. His final active duty assignment was as the Director of Commercial Law and Litigation for the Air Force, building a worldwide organization to represent Air Force acquisition law and litigation interests from an enterprise perspective in the acquisition law, litigation, and personnel policy areas. He served in a wide variety of base and headquarters level leadership positions. He assumed his current position in April 2014.

Ms. Maria Kersey

Programs Director, Office of Small Business Defense Intelligence Agency

Maria L. Kersey currently holds the position of Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Defense Intelligence Agency. She assumed her position in December 2012. In this capacity, Ms. Kersey advises the DIA Director and senior leadership on all matters related to small business and is committed to maximizing the contributions of and creating opportunities for small business in DIA acquisitions to meet the needs of the Intelligence Community and war-fighter.

Ms. Kersey joined DIA in June 2005 as a Contract Specialist. In her previous position, she served as the Deputy Chief, Information Technology (IT) Support Division. In this capacity, Ms. Kersey oversaw contracts in excess of \$1 billion for over 60,000 customers worldwide.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Ms. Kersey has over twenty-five years of Federal Government experience which includes serving as a member of the United States Air Force. While on active duty she served as a Contract Specialist and completed a special duty assignment as a member of the U.S. Air Force Presidential Ceremonial Guard in Washington, DC. In both her military and civil service careers, she has served as a Contingency Contracting Officer, deploying to various austere locations throughout the world including three tours in Iraq.

Ms. Kersey earned a Bachelor of Science from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Masters of Arts in Government from Johns Hopkins University and is currently pursuing a second M.A in International Relations from Webster University. She holds Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) Certification Level III in Contract and Program Management; she is also member of the Defense Acquisition Corps.

Ms. Kersey's Federal civil service decorations include the Secretary of Defense Global War on Terrorism Medal, two Joint Civilian Service Commendation Awards. Her Air Force achievements include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with bronze star device, the Southwest Asia Medal with three bronze star devices, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Ms. Kersey currently resides in Accokeek, Maryland.

Mr. Scott Jackson

Director, Office of Small Business Programs National Security Agency

Mr. Scott Jackson is the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs at the National Security Agency (NSA) at Ft. Meade, MD. He is responsible for promoting the use of small, Small Disadvantaged, Women-Owned small, HUBZone, Service Disabled Veteran-Owned businesses within the NSA. Mr. Jackson assists program managers, technical personnel, and procurement officers by participating in acquisition strategy reviews and providing outreach programs to find qualified small businesses. Mr. Jackson's previous NSA assignments include Deputy PEO for Facilities, and Chief of the Cost Analysis Office. He supported the Navy in various civilian capacities prior to joining the NSA in 2001 and has over 29 years of government service. Mr. Jackson earned a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Tech, a master's degree from Johns Hopkins, and a master's degree from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

Mr. Alaric (Dale) Rainey

Team Lead, Contracts Policy Division, Office of Contract Services

NGA

Dale Rainey is currently the Team Lead, Contracts Policy for the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. As Team Lead, Mr. Rainey is responsible for ensuring that the latest policy changes concerning contracts are implemented and that the acquisition workforce is informed and aware of the changes. Mr. Rainey is also a Program Manager for the MATRIX and DAWDF Programs and a Contracting Officer's Representative on many other contracts. Mr. Rainey also served as the Deputy Director of the Small Business Program Office at NGA.

Mr. Rainey has a breadth and depth of experience in contracting and Program Management from several agencies and brings a tremendous amount of knowledge and dedication to the programs he supports. Mr. Rainey retired from the Air Force after 23 years of service; he then transitioned to the Central Intelligence Agency where he managed multi-billion dollar programs as a Contracting Officer. He transitioned to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in 2006 and has worked in various capacities in acquisitions and contracting. He finally transitioned to the Contracts Policy Office in December 2013. During his 30 plus years of federal government service, he has worked in Contracting, Program Management and other various acquisition assignments. He was selected to participate in the Education With Industry (EWI) Program in 1994 where he worked at Kodak in Rochester, New York; his next assignment was at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio where he procured engines for the F-22 Raptor, the F-15 and F-16; he transitioned to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in Virginia in 1998 where he retired from the Air Force. He was then hired by the Central Intelligence Agency with duty at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. In 2006, Mr. Rainey transitioned to the NIMA (National Imagery Agency, NOW the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)). Mr. Rainey is committed to the small business program, its mission, and the small business community in support of National Security and our nation's War Fighters.

Mr. Rainey earned his Associate Degree in Human Resource Management from the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He also earned a Master of Science Degree in Business Administration from Central Michigan University (CMU) in 1993. Finally, Mr. Rainey attended senior service school where he earned a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



Mr. Scott F. Denniston
Executive Director
National Veteran Small Business Coalition

Scott Denniston is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Scott Group of Virginia, LLC. The Scott Group provides strategic business development services to small businesses in the Federal marketplace. Scott Group also facilitates partnerships and alliances between large and small businesses to compete on Federal contract opportunities as well as assist large businesses to establish world class subcontracting programs and identify potential small business subcontractors and partners.

Mr Denniston is also Executive Director of the National Veteran Small Business Coalition whose mission is to transition veterans into business owners and ensure the Federal acquisition field is fair for all veteran owned small businesses. Mr Denniston serves on the Humana Veterans Advisory Board which provides guidance to Human Healthcare Services Inc., on delivering innovative healthcare solutions to our Nation's veterans. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Freedom Foundation and the American Small Business Coalition.

Previously, Mr Denniston was the Director, Office of Small Business Programs and the Center for Veterans Enterprise at the Department of Veterans Affairs. During his tenure VA was a leader in awards to all categories of small businesses consistently spending over \$3 billion with small business. During his tenure, VA was consistently graded "green" by the Small Business Administration and the US House of Representatives Small Business Committee. Scott began his government career with the Customs Service. He also held numerous management positions with the Small Business Administration. He is also active in the National Contract Management Association (NCMA), the National Defense Industry Association (NDIA), and is past chair of the Small Business Committee of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA).

Mr Denniston is a nationally recognized advocate for veteran entrepreneurs. In 1998 he was appointed to the Congressional Commission on Service Members and Veterans Transition Assistance, where he developed recommendations for enhancing and expanding support for veteran business owners. Many of those recommendations were incorporated into Public Law 106-50, the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Act of 1999, and Public Law 108-183, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. He established the Center for Veterans Enterprise, a VA organization dedicated to providing support to veterans interested in entrepreneurship.

In March 2005, Mr Denniston received the prestigious "Federal 100 Award" from Federal Computer Week for developing the VETBIZ website and the Vendor Information Pages data base of veteran owned small businesses. In June 2008, he received the "Leadership Award" from the Association for Federal Information Resources Management (AFFIRM), for his work on the GSA "VETS GWAC". In October 2008, Scott received the "Leadership Award" from the Parren J. Mitchell Foundation for his years of support to the minority small business community. In October 2008, he also received the "Patriot Award" from the American Freedom Foundation for his efforts on behalf of veterans.

He was born in Somerville, New Jersey. He received a B.A. degree in Economics from Waynesburg College and a M.S. degree in Government from Southern Illinois University. He is also a veteran, having served in the US Army.

Ms. Tatia Evelyn-Bellamy

Director, Small Business Division (AQS) and Center (AQSC) Small Business Ombudsman DCMA

Ms. Tatia Evelyn-Bellamy currently serves as the Small Business Division/Center Director for the Defense Contract Management Agency. She is responsible for developing the agency's small business policies, overseeing large business subcontracting program compliance, and executing small business program support exceptionally. She also serves as the agency's Small Business Ombudsman, advocating the concerns of small businesses.

Ms. Evelyn-Bellamy has over 20 years of acquisition experience with the Department of Defense and the Federal government. She has held a variety of positions to include Supervisory Procurement Analyst and Contract Specialist; Deputy Director; Contracting Officer; Senior Action Officer; Team Leader; and Grants Officer. Her previous assignments include serving as the DCMA DAR Council Representative, Fort Lee, VA; Deputy Director of the Procurement Management Division, USDA Rural Development, Washington D.C.; Senior Staff Officer, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Acquisition – SAF/AQC, Pentagon; Branch Chief, Math & Science Division of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Ballston, VA; and Lead Contracting Officer, Hanscom AFB, MA.



Ms. Chireda Gaither

Manager CSC

Chireda Gaither is the Manager for CSC's North American Public Sector Supplier Diversity Program. She is responsible for leading CSC's supplier diversity initiatives for both the North America Public Sector and selected corporate business units in the U.S. Chireda and her team focus on working with small and diverse businesses in the areas of supplier diversity, mentoring, growth, development, and education. Her prior work with both large and small business enterprises enable her to have a unique perspective on how to effectively engage diverse suppliers in understanding the elements of successful partnering. Under her leadership, CSC's Small Business and Subcontracting Program have

been selected for numerous awards.

She is a board member for the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council and past vice chair of the Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council, a member with NDIA, Public Services Council, Northern Virginia Technology Council, and the Women President's Education Organization (WPEO) an affiliate of Women's Business Enterprise (WBENC). She was presented a National Women of Color (STEM) Technology All Star Award in 2008 and was a recipient for the 2013 Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council Chairman's Challenge Award. She attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia.

CSC's diversity program has received the following recognition during 2013: 2012 Small Business Industry Award winner by NASA Shared Services Center in the category of Large Business Prime Contractor of the Year for their excellent performance and commitment and dedication to small businesses, CSC recognized as Advocate of the Year, by the Women President's Educational Organization (WPEO), DHS Mentor Protégé Team of the Year Award, Best, National Eagle Leadership Institute Award for Diversity and Inclusion and America's Greenest Companies, Newsweek.



Mr. Tizoc Loza
Corporate Manager Mentor-Protege
Northrop Grumman Corporation

Tizoc S. Loza is the Corporate Manager, Global Supplier Diversity Programs/ Government Relations for Northrop Grumman Corporation. In this position, he is responsible for direction and management, as well as corporate-wide oversight, of the Mentor-Protégé, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), AbilityOne and Historically Black Colleges and Universities/Minority Institutions (HBCU/MIs) Programs. Mr. Loza reviews and implements corporate strategies dealing with small business initiatives. These initiatives deal with the mentoring and assistance of small businesses. In addition, he works with the sectors to implement processes that would enable each business sector to collaborate and develop partnerships with small businesses that have innovative technologies that can be incorporate into government platforms. Mr. Loza is also the lead in providing business sectors with the information and guidance needed to develop and sponsor HBCU/MI's with scholarships and funding for students and faculty who show the capability for providing new game changing technologies. He serves as a customer liaison with government agencies to insure consistent and efficient program management enterprise-wide. Mr. Loza provides assistance in establishing and monitoring corporate strategies to increase the involvement in these initiatives, and provides guidance to small businesses regarding subcontracting opportunities.

Mr. Loza has been employed in the Aerospace Industry for over twenty five years in such diverse assignments as a marketing representative, buyer, contracts manager, and small business liaison officer. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Financial Management and International Business from California State University at Long Beach, and received his Government Contract Management Certification from the University of California at Los Angeles. Mr. Loza is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt, and completed his MBA with emphasis in Supply Chain.

Stephanie Poppe
Supply Chain Manager, and Small Business Liaison Officer
General Dynamics C4 Systems

Stephanie is currently a member of the General Dynamics C4 Systems Supply Chain Management department in her role as a Supply Chain Manager, and she also has been the Small Business Liaison Officer for the C4 Systems Scottsdale location since 2007. Her location within General Dynamics is a participant in the Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan, and she works with the supply chain team, contract management, and all departments to increase awareness of our responsibilities and initiatives under the plan and to achieve our Small Business Goals. C4 Systems also has contracting activity with other agencies outside the DoD, so we also develop and execute small business plans and promote small business activity for various agency customers.

Stephanie also participates on General Dynamic's Small Business Committee, part of the General Dynamics Supply Chain Management Council, where small business advocates from each General Dynamics business unit meet regularly to work on corporate small business initiatives and improve overall corporate small business performance. Stephanie has served as a board member for local Arizona chapters for both WBENC and NMSDC. Stephanie has also helped to develop multiple mentor-protégé relationships and agreements, and worked to establish C4 Systems as a NASA-approved mentor.

Stephanie has over 30 years of experience in the Defense and Aerospace industry. Prior to her current position, Mrs. Poppe supported various procurement roles at Motorola and Sperry Flight Systems. She earned her B.S. degree from Arizona State University.



Mr. Wayne Evans, Jr.
Mason Enterprise Center, Mentor-Protege Program
George Mason University

With over 20 years of experience dedicated to advancing a collaborative environment that supports small business, Mr. Wayne Evans currently serves as the Director of the Mentor Protégé Program for The Mason Enterprise Center at George Mason University. In this capacity, his professional mission continues to focus on leveraging a wealth of experience with his keen ability to develop and maintain partnerships that are mutually beneficial and sustainable.

Prior to joining George Mason University, Mr. Evans, served as a Program Manager for Northrop Grumman, a corporate arm of the Mentor Protégé program. During his tenure, Mr. Evans successfully provided leadership on Mentor Protégé agreements with government agencies including but not limited to DISA and NGA.

Mr. Evans is a graduate of the HBCU, Bowie State University and currently resides in Maryland with his wife and daughter.



Mr. John Shoraka
Associate Administrator, Government Contracting and Business
Development
U.S. Small Business Administration Government Contracting

A. John Shoraka currently serves as the Associate Administrator of Government Contracting and Business Development at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). His team supports thousands of small businesses every year as they compete for over \$500 Billion in federal prime contracts and billions more in subcontracts.

Prior to his current role, A. John Shoraka served as Regional Administrator for the SBA. As Regional Administrator for Region 3, Shoraka was responsible for the delivery and management of SBA's small business programs, financial assistance, and business development program initiatives throughout the region.

With a background in business development, international trade, government contracting, and management, Shoraka works on behalf of small businesses and entrepreneurs across the region as they turn to the SBA for the tools they need to start, grow, succeed and create jobs.

Shoraka previously served as vice president at The Aries Group in Silver Spring, Md., a business and financial consulting firm where he was responsible for implementing multi-year projects throughout the world.

Prior to accepting the appointment as Regional Administrator, he served as chair of the Small Business Association for International Contractors, where he represented 26 small business contractors that provide services to the United States Agency for International Development.

Shoraka has collaborated with USAID officials and Congress to promote equity in small business contracting and opportunities for small business contractors within USAID. In addition, Shoraka served as adjunct faculty at Catholic University of America where he taught courses in international business and management science.

Shoraka holds a B.S. from the University of Maryland, College Park and an MBA from George Washington University.



Ms. Alejandra Castillo
National Director
Minority Business Development Agency

In 2014, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker appointed Ms. Alejandra Y. Castillo to serve as the National Director of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). Ms. Castillo is the first Hispanic-American and the second woman to lead the Agency since its creation. In this capacity, Ms. Castillo directs the Agency's strategic efforts to enhance the growth and global competitiveness of minority business enterprises (MBEs). Under Ms. Castillo's leadership, the Agency has expanded its effort to help MBEs grow and succeed through access to capital, access to contract, and access to business opportunities both domestically and abroad. Prior to assuming this role, she served as National Deputy Director managing the Agency's day-to-day operations and its national network of 44 business centers.

Under the Obama Administration, MBDA has assisted minority-owned firms in obtaining nearly \$15 billion in contracts and capital and creating and saving over 33,000 new jobs. She has forged important strategic stakeholder relations and key public-private partnerships.

Ms. Castillo first joined the Department of Commerce in 2008 as a Special Advisor to the Under Secretary for the U. S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration (ITA). In this capacity, she was responsible for business outreach and intergovernmental affairs, as well as assisting in the development of policy initiatives geared at trade promotion and enforcement of U.S. trade laws.

A practicing attorney for several years, Ms. Castillo has worked in the private, government and non-profit sector. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Ms. Castillo served as the Executive Director of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) headquartered in Washington D. C. During her tenure at HNBA, she was instrumental in working with the White House, and non-profit organizations, such as the Latinos for a Fair Judiciary, in support of the nomination and confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Ms. Castillo served as a member of the Clinton Administration as a Senior Policy Analyst to the Deputy Director at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and was responsible for developing and analyzing White House initiatives on anti-drug traffic and interdiction, anti-money laundering policies, as well as drug prevention and treatment programs.

A native of New York, Ms. Castillo holds a Bachelor Degree of Arts from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in economics and political science. Ms. Castillo holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin; and also holds a Juris Doctorate Degree from American University - Washington College of Law. Ms. Castillo is active in a number of civic and professional organizations, including: The Hispanic National Bar Association, the Hispanic Bar Association of DC, the American Bar Association, and the American Jewish Committee. She also serves as a Board Trustee for the University of the District of Columbia. In 2010, Hispanic Business Magazine recognized Ms. Castillo among the Top 100 Influential Latinos in the U.S. and she received the 2010 Rising Star Award by the Hispanic Bar Association of the District of Columbia.



Mr. Tom Leney
Executive Director for Small and Veteran Business Programs
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Thomas (Tom) J. Leney serves as the Executive Director for Small and Veteran Business Programs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where he is responsible for programs that promote small business participation in VA procurements, with special emphasis on Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs and VOSBs). Mr. Leney is a member of the United States Senior Executive Service.

Prior to his current government service, Mr. Leney gained practical insight into the opportunities and challenges facing small businesses as a senior executive in two successful small businesses. His personal experiences as a government contractor have enabled Mr. Leney to mentor small businesses on the complexities of the federal acquisition process. His earlier work at Winrock International and the United Nations Foundation overseeing the development of projects to support the U.S. Government and the United Nations around the world has given him an understanding of the importance and the complexities of program and partnership development on many levels.

Mr. Leney is a Veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1973 to 1995. Among his military assignments, he led an armored cavalry squadron in the Persian Gulf War of 1991 and was the Chief, Strategic Plans and Policy for the Department of the Army. He holds a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Georgetown University. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy.



Jenifer Scoffield
Small Business Liaison Officer
ATK Aerospace Systems

Jenifer Scoffield has been with ATK Aerospace Systems as the Small Business Liaison Officer (SBLO) since 1990. She is responsible for the oversight of all the compliance with small business activities at seven locations in the Aerospace Systems Group. Her primary function is working with and educating internal supply chain personnel in order to provide opportunities for the small business community to be involved with ATK's government contracts.

As a Small Business Program Manager, Jenifer has had experience in purchasing chemicals, adhesives, and propellants for various government programs. Knowledge in working with quality, logistics, and proposals has given her the experience and fundamental understanding needed to lead in the right direction those small businesses seeking to do business with ATK. In 2009, ATK was awarded the NASA Agency-Level Large Business Prime Contractor of the Year and in 2012, Jenifer was awarded the MSFC Program Leadership Award.

Jenifer continues to work with the Marshall Prime Contractors Supplier Council (MPCSC). She was instrumental in initiating the council for MSFC prime contractors and held the first chairperson position. She currently serves on the board for the Utah Supplier Development Council (USDC). Jenifer holds a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Communication from Utah State University in Logan, Utah.



Ms. Thosie Varga
Supplier Diversity Liaison Officer
L-3 Communications Integrated Systems

Thosie Varga is the Supplier Diversity Liaison Officer for L-3 Integrated Systems and acts as L-3 Corporate Small Business Team Lead.

Ms. Varga is responsible for development, implementation and maintenance of the Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plan, increasing awareness to all departments within L-3 Integrated Systems, counseling suppliers, establishing initiatives that will enhance subcontracting bidding opportunities for small business concerns and ensuring L-3's compliance and performance to all

Small Business goals.

As the Corporate Small Business Team Lead, she facilitates monthly meetings for other L-3 division small business advocates, providing a forum for regulation updates, training and benchmarking. In addition, Ms. Varga is an Officer for the Alliance of Supplier Diversity Professionals (ASDP) organization.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Varga served as SBLO and Lead Logistics Supply Specialist for a Bell Helicopter Textron subsidiary, Senior Buyer for Northrop Grumman and Production Control Manager for a Veteran Owned Small Business specializing in Machining and Metal Fabrication.