

Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium

May 16-18th, 2011

*Monday, May 16th Golf Outing RI Arsenal (Additional Cost)
Tuesday, 17th & Wednesday, 18th Symposium*

**I-WIRELESS CONFERENCE CENTER
1201 RIVER DRIVE MOLINE, IL**

FEATURING:

Monday, May 16, 2011

**9 am Golf Outing, Rock Island Arsenal Golf Course
3-6 pm Symposium Attendee Early Registration, i-Wireless Center
5-8 pm Sponsored Networking Reception & Live Music, i-Wireless Center**

Tuesday, May 17th, 2011

**Symposium Training, Tradeshow,
Evening Networking Reception & Live Music
& Midwest SBLO Prime Contractors Meeting**

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011

**Symposium Training, Tradeshow & Matchmaking
& SAME Commanders Briefing**

The Symposium offers Small Business contractors a unique opportunity to learn about contracting opportunities with the government and what Government Prime Contractors expect from the small business contractors they hire to help them execute their contracts. A wide range of speakers including Congressional Representatives to Government Contracting Officers will provide information essential to any Small Business wanting to enter into contracts with the government.

Organized by the following partners: The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Green Space Lawn and Tree Care, IL PTAC @ BHC, IA PTAC - CIRAS, Quad Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau, NDIA IA-IL Chapter, SBA, SCORE – Quad City Chapter, Spirit Partners, US Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District, Vista International Operations

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AGENDA Tuesday, May 17th, 2011

Open During Daily Conference Sessions:

- 7:00AM-7:00PM** **Internet Café – Business Center**
- 9:30AM-2:30PM** **Quad Cities SCORE Chapter Counseling**
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- 1:30-3:30PM** **Midwest SBLO Officers Spring Quarterly
Large Prime Contractors Meeting (Tues. only @
Metro Center)**
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- 7:00-8:00AM** **Registration – Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00-8:10AM** **Ribbon Cutting-Event Grand Opening
QC Chamber Ambassador's,
Major General Yves J. Fontaine, Commanding General,
US Army Sustainment Command (ASC)
& Regional Dignitaries**
- 8:10-8:20AM** **Color Guard and National Anthem
Viet Nam Veterans Association – Chapter 299**
- 8:20 - 8:25AM** **Welcome Opening Remarks
Ms. Tara Barney, CEO, Quad City Chamber of Commerce**
- 8:25-8:30AM** **Introductions and Administrative Remarks
Mr. Alan Wilson, Master of Ceremonies**
- 8:30- 9:00AM** **Major General Yves J. Fontaine, Commanding
General, US Army Sustainment Command (ASC)**
- 9:00- 9:30AM** **Ethics in Government Contracting
Ms. Kathryn Szymanski, Chief Counsel, US Army
Sustainment Command**
- 9:30 – 10:00AM** **Army Materiel Command (AMC)
Small Business Programs
Ms. Nancy Small, Director, Office of Small Business Programs,
Army Materiel Command (AMC)**
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM** **NETWORKING & TRADESHOW BREAK**

10:30-11:00 AM	Successful Mentor Protégé Programs Ms. Wendi Goldsmith, CEO Bioengineering Group
11:00-11:45 AM	Teaming & Subcontracting For SB with Large Business Lessons Learned after GTSI & Morris-Griffin Mr. Steve Koprince, Attorney at Law, PilioMazza, PLLC Washington, D.C.
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11:45-12:00PM	Travel to Luncheon
12:00-1:30PM	LUNCHEON Main Arena-Trade Show Floor
12:30-1:30PM	Congressional Updates for Support of Small Businesses
12:30 – 1:00PM	The Honorable Bruce Braley, Congressman, 1st Dist. in Iowa
1:00 – 1:30PM	The Honorable Bobby Schilling, Congressman, 17th Dist. in Ill.
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1:30-2:00PM	NETWORKING & TRADESHOW BREAK
2:00-2:30 PM	Opportunities in Veteran Affairs Medical Centers Mr. Jim McDavitt, Contracting Officer, Department of Veteran Affairs
2:30-2:35PM	Introduction Mr. Craig Roberts, President/CEO, Vista International Operations
2:35-2:40PM	Introduction Mr. Alfred Ramirez, President, The Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (GQCHCC)
2:40-3:10PM	Woman Owned, Minority Owned Small Business Success Story Ms. Jeanette Prenger, President/Ecco Select A Certified National Minority Supplier Diversity Council & Woman’s Business Enterprise National Council Member
3:10-3:30PM	NETWORKING & TRADESHOW BREAK

3:30-4:45PM

**Where to Go for Help & Ask the Experts
Q & A Session**

Government Contracting Experts:

- **Mr. Robert Matthys, Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs US Army Sustainment Command and Joint Munitions Command**
- **Mr. Glenn Chatman, Deputy For Small Business Programs, US Army Corps of Engineers, St Louis District**
- **Ms. Jackie Hixson, Small Business Specialist, Small Business Office of US Army TACOM RI**
- **Ms. Vicky Miller, Director Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (IL PTAC) Black Hawk College**
- **Ms. Elizabeth White, Government Contract Specialist Iowa State University Extension, (IA PTAC) CIRAS**
- **Ms. Becky Greenwald, Small Business Advocate Region 7 Small Business Administration (SBA)**
- **Mr. Robert Radkiewicz, Small Business Counselor Quad Cities SCORE Chapter**

5:00 - 7:00PM

**Networking Reception with Live Entertainment
At iWireless Center
Entertainment: High Cotton Blues Band**

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8:00-3:30PM **SAME Commanders Briefing @ Metro Center**
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7:00-8:00AM **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:00 - 8:05AM **Welcome Opening Remarks**
Dr. Gene Gardner, President, Black Hawk College

8:05-8:15AM **Introductions and Administrative Remarks**
Mr. Al Wilson, Master of Ceremonies

8:15-8:45AM **Rock Island Arsenal Growth Opportunities &
Sustainability Progress Updates**
Mr. Joel Himsl, Garrison Manager, Rock Island Arsenal

8:45-9:30AM **Project EAGLE Updates & Requirements for Small
Business**

- Ms. Melanie Johnson, Contracting Office EAGLE Contract
US Army Contracting Command-Rock Island (ACC-RI),
Rock Island, IL

9:30-10:00AM **NETWORKNG & TRADESHOW BREAK**

10:00-11:15AM **Senior Leadership Panel**
Command Mission and Function

- Mr. Scott Welker, Deputy to the Commander,
US Army Sustainment Command (ASC)
- Mr. Jyuji Hewitt, Deputy to the Commander,
Joint Munitions Command (JMC)
- Ms. Kristan Mendoza, Deputy Director of Field Support
Contracts, US Army Contracting Command-Rock Island
(ACC-RI), Rock Island, IL
- Mr. Thomas M. Bunch, Deputy Commander,
Joint Manufacturing & Technology Center (JMTC), Rock
Island Arsenal
- Ms. Nancy Small, Director, Army Materiel Command
(AMC) Office of Small Business Programs
- COL Shawn McGinley, Commander,
US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District

11:15-11:45AM

**Quad City Manufacturing Laboratory (QCML)
RIA Progress Updates on Titanium & Light Weight
Composites Lab**

- **Dr. James Sears, Director**
Quad City Manufacturing Laboratory (QCML)
- **RADM (ret) Sam Kupresin, President, Spirit Partners Inc.**
and Quad City Manufacturing Laboratory (QCML) Board
of Director

11:45 – 12:00PM

Travel to Luncheon

12:15 – 12:30PM

In celebration of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month we are honored to present a performance of the “Chinese Gong Fu Fan Dance”

12:00PM - 1:30PM

LUNCHEON Main Arena Floor

1:00 - 1:30 PM

**Fresh Return to US
Report on Challenges in the Theater in Afghanistan
Honored Guest Speaker
COL. Richard Dix, Chief of Staff, US Army Sustainment
Command**

**1:30 – 3:30
Trade Show
&
Networking**

**Located in
the Main
Arena**

**1:45 – 4:30
Matchmaking
Event
Register online
for
matchmaking**

**Located on the
2nd floor**

**1:45 – 3:30
Training Sessions**

1:45-2:30pm

**A Service Disabled Veteran Owned
Small Business (SDVOSB) Success
Story**

- **Mr. Wally Johnson, Client Services
Director, Anderson Engineering**
- **Mr. Thomas H. Koopmeiners,
Deputy, Small Business Programs,
St. Paul District, US Army Corps of
Engineers**

2:30-3:15PM

**My Experience with GSA Solicitation
& Becoming a GSA Contractor
Mr. Marvin Steinlauf, VP Sales All
Foam Products**

3:15-3:30PM

**Announcements Future Events for
Government Contracting & Close**



Society of American Military Engineers District Engineers' Commanders Briefing

Wednesday 18 May

**METRO CENTER, MOLINE, IL
CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Commanders Briefing features U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Engineers and distinguished guests who relate the ongoing and future programs in their respective commands, their outlook on the future workload, trends, and job opportunities, with emphasis on their Small Businesses Programs.

Represented U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts will include: St. Paul, Omaha, Louisville, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, New Orleans, and Rock Island; and the Rock Island Arsenal Garrison Manager. These Districts cover portions of 18 states from Montana to Tennessee and Minnesota to Louisiana.

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| 7:00 - 8:00AM | Registration & Continental Breakfast |
| 8:00 - 8:20AM | Opening Remarks and the Pledge of Allegiance
_____, Master of Ceremonies |
| 8:20 - 8:45AM | LTC Kendall Bergmann, Deputy Commander
USACE St Paul District
(<i>Alt. Tom Koopmeiners Deputy for Small Business</i>) |
| 8:45 - 9:10AM | USACE Louisville District |
| 9:10- 9:35AM | USACE Vicksburg District |
| 9:35 - 10:05AM | NETWORKNG |
| 10:05 - 10:30AM | USACE Chicago District |
| 10:30 - 10:55AM | Rex Ostrander, Chief Construction Division
USACE Kansas City District |
| 10:55 - 11:20AM | Hubert Carter, Small Business Deputy
USACE Omaha District |
| 11:20 - 11:45PM | LTC Craig Hamilton, Deputy Commander
USACE Memphis District |

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**Combined Luncheon –
Main Arena Floor I-Wireless Center**

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1:30 - 1:45PM

Return from Luncheon
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1:45 - 2:10PM

**COL Thomas E. O’Hara Jr, Commander
USACE St. Louis District**

2:10 - 2:35PM

**Edward Foley, Deputy Small Business
USACE New Orleans District**

2:35 - 3:00PM

**COL Shawn McGinley, Commander
USACE Rock Island District**

3:00 – 3:10PM

Closing Remarks

3:10 – 3:15PM

Retire the Colors and Adjourn

We would like to **THANK** our sponsors and our committee members for putting this year's event together!

