



**TOP ISSUES FOR 2003  
STATUS REPORT**

**General Membership Meeting  
Arlington Virginia  
November 18, 2003**



# ISSUE

1. Increase the number of Small Business opportunities to achieve the stated SB goals of the Federal government and agencies.
  - Identify the agencies meeting and not meeting goals through direct contracting
  - Encourage federal agencies under MARC type procurement to set aside higher percentage of dollars to SB/8(a) and HubZone contractors



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Ft. ORD** – SEBAC presented a case to Ft. ORD contracting authorities that a solicitation for Ordnance and Explosives could and should be set aside for small business. The agency concurred and set the solicitation aside for small business.
- **NAVFAC/PACDIV**: After meetings with this agency regarding the lack of significant small business awards in the environmental opportunities, In July they announced their first single award CPAF Remedial Action Contract (RAC). It was valued at \$40M.
- **USACE – Omaha District**: Following a number of letters and meetings with this agency regarding the structure of its RFP for Emergency Response Services Contracts, the final RFP reflected that ½ of the award dollars would go to small business. 5 of the 7 awards went to small business.



# ISSUE

2. Assist in the resolution of the funding of EPA Superfund Program and the role of Small Business in its execution, including issues surrounding bonding of Superfund projects.
  - Ensure that small businesses in SEBAC can bond some of the increasing sized contracts coming out.



# STATUS

- **EPA Superfund Program**

- SEBAC tried for more than a year to secure a seat on the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Superfund Subcommittee.
- **Outcome:** The Assistance Administrator finally advised SEBAC there was already sufficient small business representation on the committee, and adding another seat would impact the efficiency of the subcommittee. Additional information revealed that the representatives of the subcommittee were recommended/nominated by the White House.
- SEBAC will continue to track/monitor the subcommittee's activity and raise concerns as we feel are in the best interest of small business.



# ISSUE

3. Acquire a general Small Business exemption to Section 803 to reverse its adverse affects on Small Businesses and hindrance to Small Business usage.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- DOD addressed many of the issues raised by SEBAC, however, to date Section 803 is still in effect. We are not aware of any efforts to change this provision by the FAR council.
- We, SEBAC, have had no feedback from the environmental small business community as to what the true impact has been to this point. (a little over a year after 803 implementation.)
- If you have any comments or concerns please email them to the SEBAC office.



# ISSUE

4. Work to enhance and protect NAICS 562910 for Environmental Remediation Services, including preserving the 500 employee size standard; working to establish its own NAICS Code; and extending the breadth of its scope to include characterization services in addition to remediation.



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have forwarded our comments to the Economic Classification Policy Committee. They have been assigned docketed #07-0056. The 1<sup>st</sup> round review has been made. As of today, there has not been a lot of action regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> round of comments. There will be another opportunity to submit additional comments after the new list is published.

- The Committee is conducting a preliminary analysis and will be forwarding a list to OMB to be published in the Federal Register in late 2004. The final decision is scheduled for mid 2005.
- A recent development has been the effort by the Army to secure a waiver to increase the size standard to 1000 employees for a particular project. It appears that it is rapidly winging its way to approval.



# ISSUE

5. Monitor and interact well in advance the key government agencies that routinely procure Environmental Services to ensure that Small Businesses are given full consideration, including Small Business Set-Aside procurements and Small Business Awards within a multi-award procurement.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DOE

NAVFAC

USACE - Tulsa District

USACE – Huntsville District

USACOE – Omaha District

EPA

Ft. Ord

NAVFAC/PACDIV

SBA



# ISSUE

6. Relentlessly work congressional, government and federal agencies to ensure that Small Businesses are always given full consideration for all upcoming and/or pending legislation and/or policy-making concerning changes in Federal Acquisition Regulations, Government Procurements and New Acquisition Plans.



# OBJECTIVES

- **EPA** – To secure a seat on the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology Superfund Subcommittee
- **DOE** – To secure a seat on the small business advisory team.
- **SBA** - Retention of the 500 employees size standard. Also, annual small business re-certification.
- **Economic Classification Policy Committee** (Bureau of Census) – For the creation of a Separate and expanded NAICS code for Environmental Remediation Services.



# ISSUE

7. Coordinate with appropriate government agencies to develop a system that tracks the subcontract commitment of prime contractors, holds prime contractors accountable to meet teaming commitments, and to provide early warning for corrective action.