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Subject: US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Multiple Award Environmental Services (MAES) Task Order Strategy

Dear Small Business Advocates:

Thank you in advance for review of this letter. I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Small Environmental Business Action Coalition, Inc. (SEBAC), www.sebac.org. SEBAC serves as a voice for the small business community providing environmental engineering, remediation and related support to the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and other Federal agencies throughout the country. A key part of our mission is to support and protect small businesses by monitoring the federal government's goals, policies, and regulations regarding small business participation.

The purpose of this letter is to briefly introduce SEBAC and request that USACE Baltimore and SBA consider setting aside two pending Air Force Optimized Remediation Contract (ORC) task orders for small businesses. Early indications are that these task orders will go Unrestricted under the Baltimore MAES, a small business reserve IDIQ contract under which 6 of the 10 contractors are small businesses. Much of the work completed previously at these ORC installations has been completed successfully by small businesses to include contractors on the MAES. Further, the environmental small business community has demonstrated capabilities and expertise by executing most of the Performance-Based Remediation (PBR) contracts directly for the Air Force. The ORCs are follow-on contracts to the PBRs and in several respects, have fewer requirements than the PBRs. As such, we believe that small businesses will be more effective in executing the ORCs than the large businesses.

SEBAC believes, given the number of small business contractors, capability of small businesses and past track record of success, there are ample facts surrounding this recommendation.

We look forward to engaging you in a dialogue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Susan Brock'.

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