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MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOMS/DRUs/FOAs (CONTRACTING AND SMALL BUSINESS)

SUBJECT: Awards to Service Disabled Veterans for FY08 End of Year Activity

Last year, you made every effort to promote increased business opportunities for Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) for your FY07 end of year acquisitions and we applaud you. In fact, the contract dollars awarded for SDVOSBs increased by $78M with 35 contracting offices awarding over 3%, exceeding the DoD goal. However, the Air Force still has room to strengthen and grow the SDVOSB program. Therefore, we ask, wherever possible, that you consider SDVOSBs as a solution to your installation needs.

President Bush (Executive Order 13360), the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, and the Small Business Administration have long emphasized the importance of identifying contract opportunities for SDVOSBs. Historically, the Air Force awards approximately 25% of contract actions to small businesses during the last quarter of the fiscal year. We should take advantage of this important opportunity, and make every effort to consider SDVOSB capabilities. In this way we give back to those who have given so much for our country, while ensuring that the agility, innovation, effectiveness, and dedication is provided to meet the Air Force mission.

We encourage you to make use of the tools authorized in FAR 19.14 including SDVOSB set-asides and sole-source awards where appropriate. In addition, resources such as VetBiz.gov and the General Supply Schedule SDVOSB Government Wide Acquisition Contracts are excellent sources to gain access to SDVOSB firms. Your local small business specialists are readily available to support you in this endeavor.

Service Disabled Veterans and their families have sacrificed much to guarantee our freedom and prosperity. We know we can count on a strong commitment from you in supporting these very worthy businesses. Please direct any questions to Ms. Terese Herston at (703) 696-1103 or DSN 426-1103.

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