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"America Thrives on Small Businesses" – S. Tyree

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Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB)

Military Sealift Fleet Support Command's rapid response was very much in evidence in providing support to the people of Haiti following the recent and devastating earthquake. Men and women of MSFSC rallied together to provide non-perishable supplies, including clothing, diapers, water and other materials to help relieve the obvious pain and suffering felt by the citizens of Haiti. Simultaneously, planning and preparation for deployment of USNS COMFORT immediately began and the ship is now on-station providing critical surgical and other medical support. An array of small business partners supported MSFSC's response and will continue be part of the command's effort throughout relief operations. These small businesses include: Atlantic Fabrication and Boiler Service, GR Bowler, Inc., Allied Systems, Coffin Turbo Pumps, C & T Marine, MultiMarine Services, Inc, EESCO, and Smith Shipyard.

Women business owners employ more than 4 million workers and contribute about \$1 trillion to the economy. But while women-owned enterprises now comprise the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. business community, they continue to struggle to obtain equal access to capital and contracts. The Department of Navy is committed to providing opportunities to WOSBs through training, conferences and expos. The Navy Small Business Program Office is determined to reach its goal in helping the WOSBs to obtain prime contracts as well as subcontracting opportunities. The WOSB community plays an integral part in the Navy's continuous efforts in supporting our War Fighters with effective and innovative products and services while they serve and protect our homeland. MSFSC, over the past 3 years has either met or exceeded it WOSB targets.

Upcoming Events

The Navy Office of Small Business Programs
Small Business Training Conference
February 9-11, 2010
New Orleans, LA

20th Annual Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
(OSDBU) Procurement Conference
21 April 2010
Chantilly, VA

Featured Vendor for February 2010

Quality Technical Services, Inc. (QTS) is the featured vendor for this month. QTS is a woman-owned small business located in Virginia Beach, VA. QTS specializes in administrative management and facilities and logistics support services. NAICS include: 238390, 423210, 5414410, 541611, 541613, 541614, 541618, 561210, 561499, and 611430. QTS's Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code is 03KZ9.

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