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**DOE's Third Annual Small Business Conference**  
*Conference Advances President Bush's Small Business Agenda*

Orlando, Florida, has been chosen as the site of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Third Annual Small Business Conference. The conference, "Roadmap to Government Contracting: Equipping you for the Journey," will be held on May 19-22, 2002, at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

"The purpose of this Energy Department conference is not only to increase contracting opportunities, but also to increase customer satisfaction in the small business community through new and improved methods of interaction with small businesses and through enhanced program initiatives," Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said. "It also responds to President Bush's initiative to provide small businesses with the information needed to succeed."

The focus of this year's conference is to provide better procurement tools to assist small businesses by expanding and refining the procurement tools currently in place; allowing more flexibility in specific small business programs; and making the overall system more user friendly for the small business community.

"The department's commitment to engage businesses, whether women-owned, small disadvantaged, and all other small businesses, is even stronger this year due to the impact that the September 11, 2001 attack has placed on the small business community," Abraham noted. "I believe it is in the best interests of this country's economy to work even more diligently towards providing more contract opportunities to small businesses."

This year's conference is expected to be one of the largest small business conferences ever held by any government agency. In addition to DOE's program and field offices, prime contractors, and its

network of national laboratories, the department has been fortunate to form partnerships with 13 other federal agencies that will participate in this conference providing speakers, panelists, and exhibitors. This will provide small businesses with a very broad spectrum of federal contract opportunities. Partnering agencies include: the departments of Defense, Transportation, State, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Treasury, Agriculture, and Health and Human Services, the National Nuclear Security Administration, the Department of the Army, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Small Business Administration, and the General Services Administration (GSA).

Some of the areas that the conference will focus on include: small business contracting activities with DOE and the other federal agencies; rural development programs for small businesses; community development financial institutions; subcontracting opportunities with DOE laboratories and facilities; applying for and utilizing GSA schedules; proposal writing; fundamentals of teaming; business development; as well as numerous other workshops, panels, and speakers.

For additional information on the conference and online registration, visit <http://www.smallbusiness-outreach.doe.gov/annual>.