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### TANTARA Corporation Selected as “SBA 2013 Region 1 Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year”

*Prestigious Award Honors Small Businesses that Provide Outstanding Goods and Services*

Worcester, MA – TANTARA Corporation, an 8(a), HUBZone, SDB/WBE/DBE-certified firm, is proud to announce it has been selected as **Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year – SBA Region 1**, following a nomination from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District.

Every year, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding small business owners, entrepreneurs and others who provide the government with outstanding service. According to Ms. Eva Marie D'Antuono, USACE, New England District, Deputy for Small Business, "TANTARA has earned the respect of the District through their professionalism and hard work ethic. They continually demonstrate a true commitment to meeting all project requirements and have become a valued member of our team."

TANTARA Corporation provides environmental and heavy civil construction services and was deemed to be the prime contractor who excelled in overall management, delivery performance, technical capabilities, labor relations, cost performance, special achievements, resource utilization, customer interface, financial strength, and exceptional results.

TANTARA President Dawn Dearborn said, "We are truly honored to have the firm and our employees recognized in this way. Our managers and staff bring their persistence and commitment to work every day at TANTARA. This award recognizes TANTARA's commitment to providing our clients with the very best in services and results." Ms. Dearborn continued, "We are very grateful to the USACE New England District for this nomination and for the opportunities to learn and to grow that they have afforded us over the years."

In business since 2000, TANTARA has matured into a technically competent, competitive, small business powerhouse in the environmental remediation and construction industry. In fact, TANTARA is a good example of a HUBZone enterprise and a Disadvantaged, Women-Owned Business that has absorbed valuable experience through the U.S. SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program and is now demonstrating an ability to compete in a full and open arena, a tribute to the support and guidance offered by the SBA. TANTARA's success is also directly related to its decision to diversify operations primarily within the federal market and broaden its geographic reach.

#### About TANTARA Corporation

TANTARA is a certified small, disadvantaged, woman-owned 8, (a) and HUBZone firm with diverse specialties and skills. The firm provides environmental and heavy civil construction and remediation services along the Eastern Seaboard to clients like the USACE, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard, the National Park Service, as well as numerous municipal, and private-sector commercial, utility and institutional clients. In 2013, TANTARA has also been awarded an ICIC and *FORTUNE Magazine Inner City 100 Award* (rank #42), as well as the *Boston Business Journal's Pacesetters Select 70 Award* (rank #15).

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