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TANTARA Corporation Among Recipients at Nunn-Perry Awards Ceremony in Alexandria, VA

Luncheon Ceremony Celebrates Awardees and the Program

Worcester, MA – TANTARA Corporation, along with its small business mentor Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., was among the twelve teams gathered at the Mark Center Auditorium in Alexandria to receive their 2013 Nunn-Perry Awards for Mentor-Protégé Excellence. The event was sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) on May 15, 2014 and included OSBP Director Andre Gudger; Mentor-Protégé Program Manager Paul Simpkins; and keynote speaker Alan Estevez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. The Nunn-Perry Award recognizes mentor-protégé teams that have excelled in the areas of quality, technical development, cost efficiencies and increased business opportunities for small disadvantaged firms.



The Nunn-Perry Award Given at 2014 Ceremony



L to R: Steven Hodges, Jacobs; Marina Sullivan, Dept. of Defense, US Army; Pamela Monroe, Program Manager, Army Subcontracting and Mentor-Protégé Programs; Dawn Dearborn, TANTARA Corporation; William Burkhofer, VP Jacobs; Christopher Pereira, TANTARA Corporation; and Bill Sawrey, Jacobs.

“It was a wonderful opportunity for TANTARA to be part of this program, particularly with such a great mentor as Jacobs,” said TANTARA President Dawn Dearborn. “As an 8(a), HUBZone, SDB/WBE/DBE-certified firm, we are thrilled to be invited to the Washington area to receive this beautiful award. Mentor firms in this program help smaller protégé firms like ours understand how to develop capabilities and take advantage of the opportunities. As a successful protégé firm, we truly understand the value of this program as well as what this award means.”

The prestigious Nunn-Perry Award, named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn and former Secretary of Defense William Perry, was first awarded in 1995 to recognize outstanding Mentor-Protégé teams formed under the auspices of the DoD Mentor-Protégé program. The DoD Mentor-Protégé Program assists small businesses protégé firms successfully compete for prime contract and subcontract awards by partnering with larger mentor companies under individual, project-based agreements. Successful mentor-protégé agreements provide a winning relationship for the protégé, the mentor and the Department of Defense.

About TANTARA Corporation

In business since 2000, TANTARA has matured into a technically competent, competitive, small business powerhouse in the environmental remediation and construction industry. TANTARA is a great example of a HUBZone enterprise and a Disadvantaged, Women-Owned Business that is now demonstrating an ability to compete in a full and open arena. TANTARA’s success is also directly related to its decision to broaden its geographic reach and to diversify operations within the federal market. The firm provides environmental and heavy civil construction and remediation services along the Eastern Seaboard to clients like the USACE, the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Air Force, the Air National Guard, the National Park Service, as well as numerous municipal, and private-sector commercial, utility and institutional clients. For TANTARA, it has been an award-winning season: the firm was selected as the **SBA 2013 Region 1 Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year**, was awarded an ICIC and *FORTUNE Magazine* **2013 Inner City 100 Award** (rank #42), and was also recently among the *Boston Business Journal’s* **2014 Pacesetters Select 70 Award** winners (rank #20) for the second year in a row.