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Attention Veteran Small Business Owners: Uncle Sam Wants To Do Business With You!

(NEW YORK CITY – June 6, 2007) All veteran small business owners are invited to learn more about government procurement opportunities available to them at a special Small Business Resource Day. The U.S. General Services Administration, in coordination with the U.S Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, is sponsoring this special event to encourage veteran-owned small businesses, and especially service-disabled veteran small business owners, to participate in the government's multi-billion dollar contract programs. This special outreach event will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Jacob K. Javits Federal Building in New York City. Admission is free.

"The contracting opportunities that are available for veterans are a wonderful way for our government to help support those who have made such great sacrifices for our nation," said Regional Administrator Emily R. Baker. "There is a great prospective market here for a wide variety of industries and the government is always seeking to increase the number of potential sources for the many goods and services needed to support agency missions."

The U.S. General Services Administration contracts for over \$40 billion each year nationally for commodities, equipment and services for the government, and is required to award at least 3 percent of prime and subcontract awards to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses.

In December 2003, President Bush and Congress enacted the Veterans Benefits Act which established greater economic entrepreneurial opportunities for the 2.2 million service-disabled veterans in the U.S. The legislation also established a preference for the U.S. federal government to contract with Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs). GSA's outreach efforts, such as this Small Business Resource Day, are part of the agency's overall strategy to achieve its contracting goal for SDVOSBs.

More information on the Small Business Resource Day, including how to register, can be found at GSA's website at www.gsa.gov/r2smallbusiness, (look under "GSA Events" on the right-hand side of the screen). In addition, questions about this event may be addressed to GSA's regional Small Business Utilization Center at 212-264-8265, or by e-mail at R2.SBUC@gsa.gov.

WHAT: Small Business Resource Day

WHO: All Veteran small business owners are invited

WHEN: Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Jacob K. Javits Federal Building – 6th Floor conference center
26 Federal Plaza (*lower Manhattan, on Broadway between Duane & Worth Sts.*)
New York City

Founded in 1949, GSA serves as a centralized procurement and property management agency for the

federal government. GSA manages more than one-fourth of the government's total procurement dollars and influences the management of \$500 billion in federal assets, including 8,300 government-owned or leased buildings and 170,000 vehicles. GSA helps preserve our past and define our future, as a steward of more than 420 historic properties, and as manager of **USA.gov**, the official portal to federal government information and services. GSA's mission to provide superior workplaces, expert technology solutions, acquisition services, purchasing and e-travel solutions and management policies, at best value, allows federal agencies to focus on their core missions.

Additional information regarding GSA programs and policies, as well as information on contracting opportunities with GSA can be found at the agency's website: www.gsa.gov.