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Press Release

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – In recognition of its commitment to working with small business partners, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) today announced that it provided more than \$290 million in small business obligations for federal prime contracts in fiscal year 2012.

Almost 80 percent of new federal award actions went to small businesses. NNSA's Management & Operating (M&O) contractors provided an additional \$1.65 billion to small businesses in FY 2012, equal to 49 percent of all money subcontracted by the M&Os.

"Small businesses are the heart of the American economy, and we're proud of the strong partnerships we've forged as we work to implement the President's nuclear security agenda," said NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino. "Our small business partners are an integral part of our efforts to be responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars, and we would not be able to execute our mission without them."

NNSA's use of small business companies has led to more efficient use of taxpayer dollars, reduced overhead and operating costs, and opportunities for small businesses to gain exposure within the nuclear security enterprise throughout the nation.

NNSA uses small businesses to fulfill the majority of its technical and administrative support services at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. These blanket purchase agreements utilize 14 teams with more than 100 businesses and are open for use by any DOE departmental element. NNSA has access to a large number of firms with diverse skills and capabilities.

In its fifth year of operations, the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC) initiative realized cost savings in excess of \$33.9 million from competitive awards to small business and \$49.6 million overall (the reported savings are for the term of the agreements). The SCMC team is comprised of representatives from each NNSA M&O (with federal involvement) that work together to acquire common goods and services by analyzing buying behavior and by leveraging combined purchasing power. Small business status is a main criterion for deciding who is awarded these multi-site purchasing agreements.

This week, NNSA will be highlighting the work of its small business partners on the [NNSA Blog](#).

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Established by Congress in 2000, NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science. NNSA maintains and enhances the safety, security, reliability and performance of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing; works to reduce global danger from weapons of mass destruction; provides the U.S. Navy with safe and effective nuclear propulsion; and responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the U.S. and abroad.



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