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**COLLINS CONSULTING NAMED
SBA REGION V SUBCONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR**

SCHAUMBURG, IL - Today, The Small Business Administration notified Robert Collins, President and founder of Collins Consulting, Inc., that Collins Consulting, Inc. has once again been selected as the SBA Region V Subcontractor of the Year. This award will be presented in Washington, DC on May 18, 2011. Being selected as Region V Subcontractor of the Year automatically places Collins in consideration for the prestigious SBA National Subcontractor of the Year Award. IBM nominated Collins for this award for all of the work Collins has done with them as one of their Federal Core Suppliers.

Collins Consulting, Inc. was founded in April 1992 and started initially by offering IT staffing support. Collins has since grown into a broad based IT integration, staffing and computer hardware resale firm with national exposure; employing over 200 consultants. Collins entered the Federal arena in the spring of 2002 as a subcontractor to IBM Corporation. Since that time Collins' Federal business has grown to approximately 40% of its revenue and includes relationships with numerous major Federal Systems Integrators.

Mr. Collins is a Service-Disabled Veteran who served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Viet Nam and was awarded the Air Medal with Combat V for his service. He has since become a staunch disabled veteran and veteran business advocate. Collins Consulting, Inc. maintains an active supplier diversity program that focuses on locating and establishing business relationships with not just service-disabled veteran owned companies but all diversity owned companies.

Collins Consulting, Inc. is a service-disabled veteran owned IT integration firm with operations headquarters in Schaumburg Illinois, a Chicago suburb. For further information about Collins Consulting, Inc., please call (847) 290-8775 or visit www.colcon.com.



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SBA Honors Nation's Best Small Business Contractors

National Prime Contractor & Subcontractor of the Year to be Named During National Small Business Week

WASHINGTON – More than twenty small business contractors, federal acquisition executives and business and industry leaders from around the country will come to Washington, D.C., in mid May 2011 to accept awards for excellence in the federal contracting arena.

Two small businesses from among regional prime contractors and subcontractors of the year will receive the National Prime and Subcontractor of the Year awards honoring small businesses that have provided outstanding goods and services as contractors.

They are among the nation's top entrepreneurs who will be honored at the U.S. Small Business Administration's National Small Business Week events May 18-20 in Washington, D.C. Under the theme, "Empowering Entrepreneurs," a series of events and educational forums will mark the 58th anniversary of the agency and the 48th annual National Small Business Week.

The procurement award small business winners provide a broad range of products and services to the federal government and private industry including environmental remediation services, the construction of transmission lines, aviation management and staffing services, and they hail from 18 states from Massachusetts to Alaska.

The three-day event in Washington, D.C., will take place at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Events can be viewed virtually through SBA's free, live webcasting, which will be accessible at <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com/>. Business owners, business organizations, other individuals and the news media can register online at www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com where additional information is available.

Other procurement awards that will be given out during the 2011 National Small Business Week award events include:

- The ***Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence***, recognizing large prime contractors who have excelled in their utilization of small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors.
- The ***Gold Star Award***, recognizing exemplary performance of federal staff who manage the aggressive goals and strategic initiatives that help ensure a role for small business in the federal marketplace.
- The ***Frances Perkins Vanguard Award***, honoring government and industry for excellence in the use of women-owned small businesses as prime contractors and subcontractors.

Below is the list of the regional prime contractors and subcontractors of the year:

Region I Prime Contractor of the Year

Ms. Shirley Young, President
Global Advanced Technology, Inc.
Scituate, MA

Region III Prime Contractor of the Year

Mr. Dennis James Yee, President
Abacus Technology Corporation
Chevy Chase, MD

Region VI Prime Contractor of the Year

Ms. Cheryl Cohenour, President
Cherokee CRC, LLC
Tulsa, OK

Region VII Prime Contractor of the Year

Mr. Kent Schien, CEO
Innoventor, Inc.
St. Louis, MO

Region IX Prime Contractor of the Year

Ms. Cynthia A. Liu, President and CEO
Engineering/Remediation Resources Group
Martinez, CA

Region I Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Thomas Dolan Jr., President
Hi-Rel Products
Essex, CT

Region III Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Michael O' Kane, President and CEO
Evolver, Inc.
Reston, VA

Region V Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Robert E. Collins, President
Collins Consulting, Inc.
Schaumburg, IL

Region VII Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Brent Williams, Vice President of Operations
US Tool Group
Desloge, MO

Region IX Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Lee Lewis, Member-Manager
Lewis Electric, LLC
Honolulu, Hawaii

Region II Prime Contractor of the Year

Ms. Suzanne Musolf, President
Benchmark Construction Services, Inc.
Lakewood, NJ

Region IV Prime Contractor of the Year

Ms. Meredith Anderson, Managing Member
Can't Be Beat Fence & Construction, LLC
Perkinston, MS

Region VIII Prime Contractor of the Year

Ms. Cindy L. Phillips, Treasurer
S.E., Inc.
Deaver, WY

Region X Prime Contractor of the Year

Mr. Lewie D. Silva, Owner
L&M Services
Petersburg, Alaska

Region II Subcontractor of the Year

Ms. Joell I. Runge, President
InTomes Technical Services, Inc.
Springville, NY

Region IV Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Pat Khamken, CEO
Khamken Industries, Inc.
Montgomery, AL

Region VI Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Douglas F. Carlberg, President and CEO
M2 Global Technology, Ltd.
San Antonio, TX

Region VIII Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Steve Trutna, President
Faith Enterprises, Inc.
Colorado Springs, CO

Region X Subcontractor of the Year

Mr. Michael Rauch, President and CEO
Angeles Composite Technologies, Inc.
Port Angeles, WA

Editor's note: A complete list of all award winners will be available on the National Small Business Week Web site at <http://www.nationalsmallbusinessweek.com>

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