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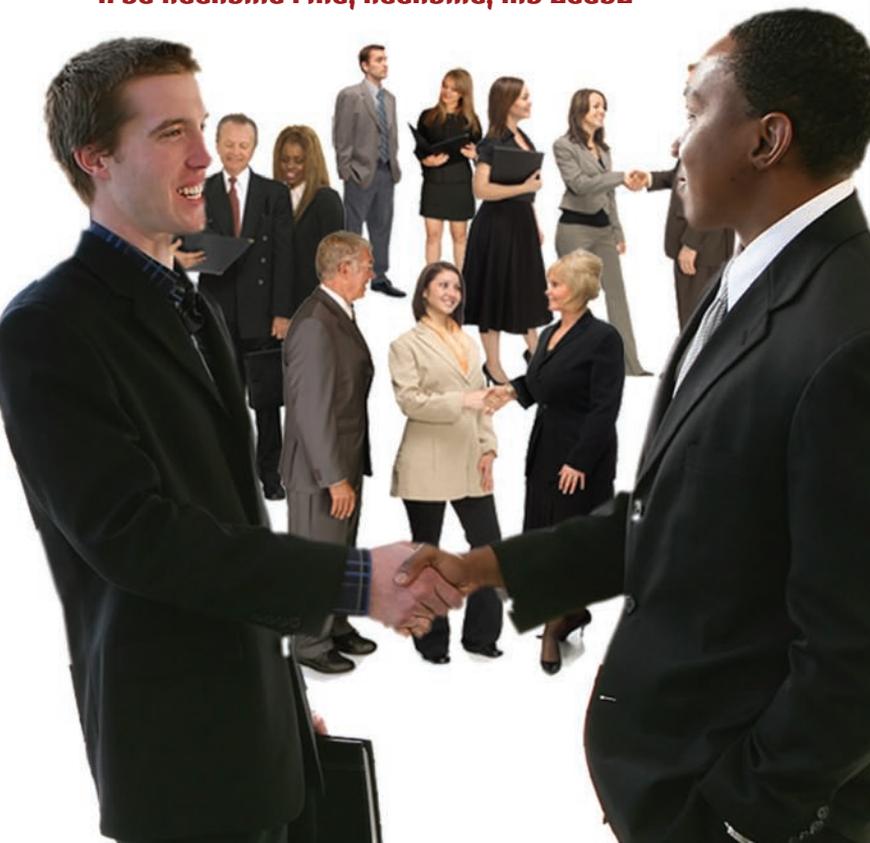
# **NRC Small Business Meet & Greet Session**

**Thursday, December 4, 2008**

**9:30am-1:30pm**

**Washington Rockville Hilton**

**1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852**





## About The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Congress established the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on January 19, 1975, as an independent agency to regulate commercial and institutional uses of nuclear energy. The NRC's purpose is defined by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. These acts provide the foundation for regulating the Nation's civilian use of nuclear materials. NRC leadership consists of a five-member Commission. The President nominates members to serve 5-year terms with the consent of the U.S. Senate and designates one member as Chairman.

To fulfill the NRC's responsibility to protect the public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment, the agency performs three principal regulatory functions. The NRC (1) establishes standards and regulations, (2) issues licenses for nuclear facilities and users of nuclear materials, and (3) inspects facilities and other uses of nuclear materials to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

## Contracting With The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

### *Making Our Business Your Business*

The NRC supports small business public policies and is committed to increasing contracting opportunities for small businesses, including those small businesses owned by:

- Disadvantaged (SDB) concerns
- Women (WOSB)
- Veterans (VOSB)
- Service-Disabled Veterans (SDVOSB)
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) concerns

In fiscal year 2007, the NRC procured more than \$150 million in products and services. Acquisitions ranged from basic office supplies and administrative support services to construction and engineering, to management and inspection to research and development, all in support of agency mission objectives. The NRC awarded nearly 45 percent of those contract dollars to small businesses, 14 percent to small disadvantaged businesses, 9.2 percent to woman-owned small businesses, 1.6 percent to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, and 4.8 percent to HUBZone concerns.

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<b>Welcome</b>	Ms. Diana V. Strong <i>Small Business Program Manager Office of Small Business &amp; Civil Rights</i>
<b>Business Introductions</b>	
<b>NRC Program Office</b>	Mr. Paul Harris <i>Chief, Financial Management Branch (Acting)</i>
<b>Contracts Overview</b>	Mr. Matt Johnson <i>Technical Assistance Project Manager</i>
<b>Special NRC Contract Provisions/Clauses</b>	Ms. Robin A. Baum <i>Special Counsel for NRC Acquisitions Office of General Counsel</i>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Ms. Diana V. Strong <i>Small Business Program Manager Office of Small Business &amp; Civil Rights</i>
<b>Networking</b>	

## **Diana V. Strong**

Diana currently serves the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) as the agency's Small Business Program Manager. She directs a robust agency-wide program, ensuring that maximum practical prime and subcontract opportunities are made available for small business, including small

businesses owned by the disadvantaged, women, veterans, service-disabled veterans, and concerns located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones.

Diana served as a Legislative Fellow during the 109th Congress in support of the U.S. House of Representative Committee on Small Business. She has worked for the Departments of Treasury and Navy, the Small Business Administration, and the National Institutes of Health, overseeing multi-billion dollar acquisition programs in a small business advocacy role and as a contracting official.

Over the last two decades, she has worked in Federal acquisition and small business programs as a contracting and small business operations official, policy and program analyst, writer, speaker and teacher. Her work experience encompasses all forms of acquisition operations, small business program direction, and management. From conception and design of operational structures and web based tools and systems through policy and regulatory development to program delivery, she planned and directed programs designed to increase participation of small businesses in Federal contracting. On behalf of Federal agencies, she advised the business community on marketing to the Federal government and other varied business development initiatives. As an expert acquisition and small business speaker and teacher, she addressed and engaged audiences ranging from Federal officials to entrepreneurs, to local community leaders, to Congressional audiences.

Diana earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Psychology from the University of Maryland, College Park, MD and a Master of Science degree in Federal Acquisition and Grants Management from the American University, Washington, DC.



## **Paul W. Harris**

Paul Harris serves as the acting Branch Chief for the Financial Management Branch, Division of Program Management, Policy Development, and Analysis in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). His group provides developmental support and analysis

for NRR's strategic and programmatic planning, contract management, financial resource planning and management, oversight of business areas, and execution of resources to enable effective fiscal control of NRR business activities. His staff also provides oversight of the NRC's fee billing program for commercial nuclear power reactors and test and research reactors and manages the development and oversight of fiscal operations associated with NRR contracting and procurement activities. With regard to contracting, his group establishes office-wide policies related to contracting and procurement activities, including commercial contracts, grants, and agreements with national laboratories and other Government agencies; facilitates resolution of policy, technical, and administrative issues relating to contract management; and serves as the primary office interface with the Office of Administration on contract management and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer on financial management issues. Mr. Harris' group also conducts independent reviews of internal and management controls and responds to Congressional and other external stakeholder audits and inquiries regarding Nuclear Regulatory Commission budgetary matters associated with commercial power reactors and test and research reactors.

Mr. Harris brings 25 years of nuclear experience to his current assignment. Most recently, he was a Technical Assistant in the Office of the Executive Director for Operations and a Senior Program Manager in the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response leading efforts to enhance the NRC's level of openness and transparency with the security-related information and providing oversight of the NRC's security inspection program. Paul was also a Senior Program Manager in the NRC's Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Office where he led activities associated with spent fuel rulemaking, NRC security Orders for dry cask storage systems, external



### *Paul W. Harris, cont.*

communications associated with Yucca Mountain radioactive waste facility, and office response of the Office of Management and Budget's Performance Assessment Rating Tool (PART) evaluation of this program area. Mr. Harris was also a Resident Inspector at the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant and the acting Senior Resident Inspector at the now decommissioned Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant. In these latter assignments, Paul performed daily inspection of nuclear plant operation, maintenance, and testing.

Prior to the NRC, Mr. Paul Harris received a B.S. degree in Nuclear Engineering from Penn State University, was a refueling navigator on U.S. Navy EA6Bs flying off the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower, and accepted a Commission in the U.S. Navy nuclear power program as an Officer onboard various submarines touring the farthest reaches of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Following his tour of duty, Mr. Harris went on to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard to lead reactor core refueling teams during system checkout and to lead the design, fabrication, and installation of a refueling water level control system for Trident submarines.

### **Matt Johnson**

Matt currently is on active rotation to the agency's Small Business Office until February 2009. He is a Technical Assistance Project Manager (TAPM) in the agency's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, providing overall administrative and financial management for two major offices within NRR. He oversees the contracting and planning activities for both DOE and commercial contracting actions for the Division of Inspection and Regional Support (DIRS) and the Division of Risk Assessment (DRA).

Matt has 24 years of Federal acquisition experience including tenure with the Department of Defense, Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Health and Human Services. He served as a Supervisory Contracting Officer at OPM and DHHS and branched out his career when he accepted a Project Officer position at NRC, whereby working on the contract support side of the acquisition cycle. He is a certified level IV contracting officer and a certified project officer.

Matt received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.

### **Robin A. Baum**

Robin Baum is the Special Counsel for NRC Acquisitions in the Office of General Counsel.

Ms. Baum joined the NRC Office of General Counsel in 1992, providing legal services in the areas of acquisitions, international agreements, grants, cooperative agreements, intellectual property and general administrative law. Ms. Baum served for a period of time on the staff of former Chairman Richard Meserve, and lectures within the agency on the area of organizational conflicts of interest. Ms. Baum has represented the NRC's interests in *United States v. SAIC*, a False Claims Act case brought by the Department of Justice in 2004 in the United States District Court - resulting in a federal jury trial in which a nine member jury found that SAIC, a former NRC contractor, violated the False Claims Act by failing to comply with the NRC's organizational conflicts of interest requirements.

Prior to joining the NRC, Ms. Baum served as an Attorney Advisor in the Office of General Counsel, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command / Department of the Navy, as a Project Manager for a Department of Defense contractor, and pursued a teaching career for several years in Houston, Texas prior to attending law school. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education/English from Pace University, New York City, a Master of Science Degree from the College of New Rochelle, New York, and a Juris Doctor degree from South Texas College of Law.



# Directions to The Hilton Hotel via Public Transportation

## Metrorail

From downtown Washington, DC, take the Red Line (toward Shady Grove) to the Twinbrook Metro station. The Hilton Hotel is located across the street.

Routes and schedules can be obtained by calling Metro at 202-637-7000 or by visiting Metro's Web site at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com). There you can view a map of the Metro system.

## Amtrak

The most practical way for out-of-town visitors to reach the Hilton Hotel by train is to travel by Amtrak to Union Station in downtown Washington, DC, and then take Metrorail to the Twinbrook Metro Station.

Amtrak can be reached at 1-800-USA-RAIL. You may also visit their Web site at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

Note: If you are unable or opt not to take public transportation, free parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis at The Hilton Hotel.

## Parking

The Hilton Hotel will provide free parking for the NRC's Meet & Greet Session at the designated parking lots located at the back of the hotel and the hotel's underground parking garage. For parking validation, please go to the front desk and mention the NRC's Meet & Greet Session for free validation.

## Hotel Map

