



**U.S. NRC**

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission

*Protecting People and the Environment*

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

**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

**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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**Welcome**

Ms. Diana V. Strong  
*Small Business Program Manager  
Office of Small Business & Civil Rights*

**Business Introductions**

**NRC Program Office**

Dr. Brian W. Sheron  
*Director  
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research*

**Contracts Overview**

Heriberto Colón, Jr.  
*Senior Contract Specialist/Contracting Officer  
Office of Administration*

**Special NRC Contract  
Provisions/Clauses**

Ms. Robin A. Baum  
*Special Counsel for NRC Acquisitions  
Office of General Counsel*

**Closing Remarks**

Ms. Diana V. Strong  
*Small Business Program Manager  
Office of Small Business & Civil Rights*

**Networking**

## **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.

## **Brian W. Sheron**

Brian W. Sheron is currently the Director of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES). In this position, Dr. Sheron oversees the agency's regulatory research programs which help resolve important safety issues, evaluate industry initiatives, enhance understanding of new technologies, identify needed enhancements to NRC regulations and contribute to a risk informed, performance-based regulatory framework. The office works cooperatively with the U.S. Department of Energy and other federal agencies, the U.S. nuclear industry and universities, and international partners.



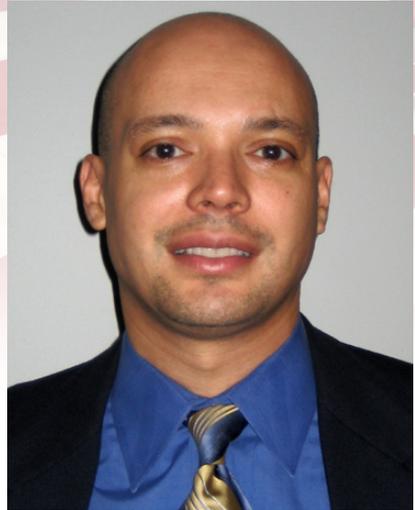
Dr. Sheron joined the NRC in 1976 as a nuclear engineer in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). From 1980 to 1987, he served in a number of progressively responsible positions within NRR including Deputy Director, Division of Safety Review and Oversight. From 1987 to 1994, he worked in RES before returning to NRR, where he served as Director, Division of Engineering and Associate Director for Project Licensing and Technical Analysis. Just prior to returning to RES, Dr. Sheron served as Associate Director for Engineering and Safety Systems.

Prior to joining the NRC, Dr. Sheron worked on the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project with the former Atomic Energy Commission and former Energy Research and Development Administration.

Dr. Sheron graduated from Duke University in 1969 with a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering. He received his M.S. degree in Nuclear Engineering in 1971 and his Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering in 1975, both from the Catholic University of America.

## **Heriberto Colón, Jr.**

Mr. Colón has over 24 years of combined Federal Government experience in logistics management, budget, quality assurance, and Federal procurement, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Pennsylvania State University.



Mr. Colón joined the NRC in March 2002. He is a Senior Contract Specialist and Contracting Officer in Contract Management Branch No. 2 in the Division of Contracts, Office of Administration, at the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). He is currently participating in NRC's Leadership Potential Program. His hobbies include landscaping and playing the guitar.

## **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

