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Encl: (1) USD(AT&L) memorandum dated April 12, 2007

Enclosure (1) is forwarded to announce GSA’s award of GWACs covering information technology to 43 SDVOSB teams. Functional areas covered by these GWACs include (1) systems operations and maintenance and (2) information systems engineering.

Navy and Marine Corps procuring activities are encouraged to consider using the SDVOSB GWAC for any information technology procurement not being purchased under a strategic sourcing initiative such as the Navy Marine Corps Intranet contract.

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The GSA approved 43 Teams of SDVOSBs on February 2 to participate in federal information technology acquisitions through a GWAC. The GSA Administrator has requested a statement of the DoD-level participation in this GWAC, and we have replied by letter. To the extent that any of the SDVOSB Teams listed by GSA meets the requirements of a DoD buying activity, I encourage you to accord these SDVOSB Teams the maximum practicable opportunity to participate. For information on participation, training, and the list of 43 SDVOSB teams and points of contact, visit www.gsa.gov/sbu.

I urge the acquisition community and major commands to use this GSA contract vehicle to meet the 3 percent procurement goal established by Congress and incorporated into the DoD Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business Strategic Plan, which is posted at www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/programs/veterans. The Department has made contract awards to firms owned by service-disabled veterans who have served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf Wars, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. While we have made progress toward meeting the goal, we still have a long way to go. We must pursue this goal with vigor.
Many more disabled veterans will return from the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan and will seek to participate in DoD procurements, including GWACs, such as this one. By contracting with these teams of businesses owned by service-disabled veterans, we acknowledge their service as Warfighters and appreciate their acumen as entrepreneurs and vendors to the Department.

Sincerely,

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