

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS**



Strengthening Small Business Supply Chains

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# Mentor Protégé Summit **2023**

## **PROGRAM AGENDA**

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**March 27-30, 2023**

Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Orlando, FL





**DAY 1 - MONDAY, MARCH 27**

**PRE-CONFERENCE ONE-DAY WORKSHOP**

**7:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Registration & Help Desk**

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**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**  
PORTICO

**Breakfast and Networking**

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**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
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**The Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) Basics**

The Pre-Conference One Day Workshop will provide an overview of the Department of Defense's (DoD's) Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP). We will provide an in-depth overview of the DoD MPP Program and its current status, as well as outline potential program updates. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the mentor-protégé relationship and the fundamentals of this initiative. Increase your capabilities and prepare for growth! Discover the basics of (DoD's) Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP).

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM**  
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**Welcome Message**

*Kasey Diaz, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Mentor-Protégé Program, Department of Defense*

**9:15 AM – 9:45 AM**  
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**Getting Started: DoD MPP 101**

This session covers how the MPP works, who can participate in the program, what types of activities are eligible for funding and other benefits, how to apply for the program, resources available through the program, and how successful mentors and protégés use their relationship to achieve greater success. We'll also explore how participants can use this program to become more competitive in today's market by gaining new skillsets, networking opportunities, access to premier government contracts or subcontracts, government resources and services, technical assistance with small business programs, and one-on-one advice from established business leaders. Participants will leave this session with a deeper understanding of the DoD MPP Program; knowledge that they can use to begin building relationships or further develop existing ones between mentors and protégés. This session is ideal for those interested in exploring new areas of growth within their organizations or expanding their capabilities as small businesses within the Department of Defense contracting space.

*Kasey Diaz, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Mentor-Protégé Program, Department of Defense*

*David Sikora, Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense*

**DAY 1 - MONDAY, MARCH 27****9:45 AM – 10:15 AM**  
GRAND CYPRESS B**SBA Mentor Protégé Program**

During this session, attendees will get the latest updates from SBA on changes to the programs over the last year. You will also learn the differences in the programs offered by SBA and the Department of Defense and why some small businesses may be better suited for one program over another. Come join us and bring your questions about mentor protégé programs.

***K.A. Perkins**, Deputy Director, All Small Mentor Protégé Program, Small Business Administration*

**10:15 AM – 10:30 AM****Break****10:30 AM – 11:15 AM**  
GRAND CYPRESS B**How to Find a Mentor: Mentors' Perspective**

Come prepared to learn from current and former Mentors' share their experiences in the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program. This session will allow Mentors to provide tips on how they find and identify protégés through their assessment process, the types of partnerships they seek, and guidance provided to the small businesses interested in pursuing a partnership.

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***Christopher Hergett**, Montana State University - MilTech*

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**11:15 AM – 12:00 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS B**How to Find a Mentor: Protégés' Perspective**

Current and/or former Protégés discuss their experiences in the Mentor-Protégé Program. This session will allow participants to learn how Protégés found their Mentors, the different processes required throughout the program, and the benefits the program has provided to their small business.

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***Speakers: Bill Henley**, CEO, CDIT*

***Tizoc S. Loza**, Director, Business Development, Midi Enterprises, LLC.*

***Peggy Sammom**, Owner, Gene Capture*

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**  
PORTICO AND PATIO**Lunch (One-Day Workshop Attendees )**

**DAY 1 - MONDAY, MARCH 27****1:15 PM – 3:15 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS B**Service and Agency Overview**

We are bringing the individual Services and Agencies MPP Program Managers directly to you. Learn of each component's eligibility criteria, what services can be included, and explore how companies can use the technical assistance funding within the program. And the discussion does not have to stop here, our MPP PMs will be at Exhibitors' Row from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Take advantage of the opportunity to speak with the individual Services and Agencies.

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*Angela Dokes, Mentor-Protégé Program Team Lead, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense*

*MiChele Stevenson, Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Department of Defense*

*Timothy Cole, Director, Mentor-Protégé Program, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense*

*Rodderick Barney, Sr., Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense*

**3:15 PM – 3:30 PM****Break****3:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS G,H,I**Exhibitors' Row**

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**3:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS G,H,I**Meet the Agency MPP PMs at Exhibitors' Row**

**(One Day Workshop Attendees ONLY)**

Opportunity for potential Mentors and Protégés to network and engage with the individual Services and Agencies DoD MPP Program Managers. MPP PMs will share more on their programs alongside other industry participants at Exhibitors' Row.

**3:30 PM – 5:30 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS A**Department of the Navy's (DONs) Rapid Fire Pitch Session  
(Closed Session)**

Do you believe you have a solution that contributes to the overall mission of the Department of the Navy (DON) and addresses critical gaps or vulnerabilities? If so, the DON's Rapid Fire Pitch Session is for you!

With this opportunity, Mentors and Protégés, as defined by DFARS Appendix I, can submit an entry that will be reviewed by the DON's Office of Small Business Programs. Your submission must include all required information as outlined below to secure a 20-minute time slot to pitch your solution for approval of a Mentor Protégé Agreement.



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## GENERAL SESSIONS

8:30 AM – 8:40 AM

### Presentation of the Colors

Navy Band Southeast

8:40 AM – 8:50 AM  
GRAND CYPRESS D,E,F

### Welcome Message

*Honorable William LaPlante Ph.D., Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense*

*Kasey Diaz, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Mentor-Protégé Program, Department of Defense*

8:50 AM – 9:05 AM  
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### Why A Supply Chain Summit?

In this session, the Director of DoD's Office of Small Business Programs discusses the unique opportunities for mentors and proteges to collaborate to strengthen the supply chain, and how important supply chain risk management is for all involved. At this year's MPS, we will target several different aspects of supply chain risk management: protection from cyber-attacks, methods to increase security through better cyber hygiene, and exploration into proactive strategies that can help strengthen a company's overall defense against threats.

*Farooq Mitha, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense*

9:05 AM – 9:25 AM

### Morning Keynotes

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*Michael Negron, Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, The White House*

Mr. Negron is the former Senior Advisor for Small Business on the White House National Economic Council. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris Administration, he served as the Assistant Director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. While at the State of Illinois, Michael spearheaded the establishment of roughly \$1 billion in COVID emergency relief programs for small businesses, nonprofits, and local governments.



**DAY 2 - TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

**9:25 AM – 9:30 AM**

**9:30 AM – 10:00 AM**  
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**10:00 AM – 10:15 AM**

**10:15 AM – 11:15 AM**  
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**Honorable Deborah Rosenblum**, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, and Performing the Duties of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, Department of Defense

Honorable Rosenblum is the principal advisor to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (A&S) on nuclear weapons, nuclear energy, and biological and chemical programs. She is also currently performing the duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, serving as the principal advisor to the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (A&S) on industrial base policies. Her principal duty is the overall supervision of the Department of Defense’s efforts to develop and maintain the defense industrial base of the United States to ensure a secure supply of materials critical to national security.

**MPP Program Overview and Direction**

The Department of Defense (DoD) Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) has been designed to help small businesses gain access to the federal marketplace, expand their capabilities and participate in government contracting. The MPP provides a framework for achieving these objectives through mentor-protégé relationships between large and small businesses. During this conference session, attendees will learn from the OSD MPP Director about current challenges and opportunities facing the program from an OSD perspective. We will explore the advantages that the MPP offers such as increased opportunities for teaming, subcontracting, better access to capital and technical expertise, improved business processes and access to leading-edge technology. Our program director will also discuss how DoD personnel are trained in mentoring skills and guidance is provided on tasks such as finding an appropriate protégé firm, setting mutually beneficial goals and developing cooperative agreements.

**Kasey Diaz**, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Mentor-Protégé Program, Department of Defense

**Break**

**DoD Manufacturing and Supply Chain Priorities**

A strong defense industrial base is paramount to our national security. Hear from the experts on the important issues facing our nation’s defense capabilities, and gain insight into how we can partner and optimize our resources while maintaining a robust defense industrial base capable of responding quickly and efficiently when called upon.



## DAY 2 - TUESDAY, MARCH 28

**11:15 AM – 5:00 PM**  
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**11:45 AM - 12:50 PM**  
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**1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**  
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This session is focus on sharing manufacturing and supply chain priorities moderated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Resilience, a new post at DoD who oversees the protection and strengthening of our country's industrial base. Learn of the departments recent focus surrounding the defense industrial base: new technology investments, supply chain optimization initiatives, and workforce development strategies. Discover more about:

- Advances in manufacturing technology that enable more resilient defense systems
- Optimization of supply chain networks to ensure greater visibility and control
- Strategic investments in workforce development to sustain future growth
- Production policies designed to enable rapid responses to unexpected threats or changes in demand
- And effective partnerships with industry, academia, and other federal agencies

**Moderator:** *Halimah Najibe-Locke, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Resilience*

**Speakers:** *Anthony Di Stasio, Acting Director, Department of Defense, Industrial Base Support (IBS) and the Director of the Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Program*

**Adele Ratcliff, Director, Department of Defense, Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Program**

### Exhibitors' Row

**(Exhibitor's Row Dedicated Time: 11:15 am - 12:45 pm)**

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## Lunch

### Small Business Director's Panel Discussion

The DoD Office of Small Business Programs Directors oversee 750+ small business professionals providing outreach and guidance to the Defense Industrial Base consisting of almost 35,000 small businesses out of a contractor pool of over 47,000 firms that procure about \$300 billion annually from DoD. Small businesses are the economic engine of our nation. As part of DoD's efforts to strengthen support of small businesses, the small business directors will share mission specific requirements opportunities that supports: Build A Better America. Help Improve Supply Chains, Increase Competition, and Create Economic Opportunity.



**DAY 2 - TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
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**2:00 PM – 4:30 PM**  
REGENCY HALL

**3:00 PM – 3:15 PM**

**Moderator:** *Dwight Deneal, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense*  
**Speakers:** *Kimberly D. Buehler, Director SES, Office of Small Business Programs, U.S. Army, Department of Defense*  
*Jimmy Smith, Director SES, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense*  
*Scott A. Kiser, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense*

**HOT TOPIC: Small Business Risk: Foreign, Ownership, Control & Influence (FOCI) and Technology Transfer**

From investors to employees to customers, there are a lot of people who can influence your business. Most of the time these relationships improve your business, but sometimes these influences can increase risk for your company. In this session we'll be discussing risks posed by foreign ownership, control, or influence (FOCI) and technology transfer. A company can be subject to FOCI in various ways and FOCI can have a wide range of consequences. FOCI can affect your ability to obtain government contracts, lead to a loss of key personnel, or provide a vector for unwanted technology transfer. This session will feature panelists with experience and expertise in dealing with these risks and more.

**Moderator:** *Bryson Reynolds, PhD., Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Risk and Analytics, Department of Defense*  
**Speakers:** *Earl Wyatt, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Emerging Capabilities & Prototyping*  
*Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA): TBD*  
*Defense Technology Security Administration (DTSA): TBD*

**One-to-One Networking - The Pursuit of Partnerships, Expanding the Possibilities**

During these segments, large prime vendors, small businesses, DoD agencies, and industry partners will engage in pre-scheduled, speed networking meetings to cultivate relationships that could potentially lead to a partnership for the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program. Protégés/potential Protégés can request 10-minute meetings with a curated list of mentors/potential Mentors, DoD agencies, and industry partners.

Participants: Mentors/Authorized Subcontractors, and (Historically black colleges and Universities/Minority Servicing Institutions/ (HBCU/MSI), Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), APEX Accelerators - formerly PTAC, Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEP), Women's Business Centers (WBC) and Manufacturing Innovation Institutes (MII).

**Break**



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**Department of Defense, Office of Strategic Capital, (OSC) and National Security Innovation Capital (NSIC)**

The mission of Office of Strategic Capital (OSC) is to develop, integrate, and implement proven partnered capital strategies to shape and scale investment in critical technologies. Join Dr. Rathje discuss how they are partnering with private capital providers and other federal agencies to employ investment vehicles that have proven successful in other United States government contexts.

*Jason Rathje, PhD., Director, Office of Strategic Capital*

*Tex Schenckan, Director, National Security Innovation Capital (NSIC), Department of Defense*

*Wesley Spurlock, TBD*

**3:15 PM – 4:15 PM**

GRAND CYPRESS B

**Mentor Protégé: From the Protégé's Perspective**

This session will discuss how to perform a successful assessment of your protégé of interest, how to collaborate and develop a developmental plan that will strengthen your protégé capability and maintain relationships through the MPP along with tips on teaming, partnering, and continued success.

*Moderator: Gayna Malcolm-Packnett, Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, U.S. Army, Department of Defense*

*Speakers: Michael Hardin, Hardin Optics*

*Bill Henley, CEO, CDIT*

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GRAND CYPRESS C**SBA Updates What you need to know – Capital Access, Certifications (8(a) and SDVOSB)**

America's more than 32 million small businesses and innovative startups are driving the nation's recovery in their role as job creators and community economic anchors. The Small Business Administration's (SBA) has proposed \$4 million to support small business manufacturing. Rebuilding America's small manufacturing base is critical to building a strong national economy. Join in the discussion to learn about the updates on the upcoming transfer of the VA's Center for Verification and Evaluation to the SBA and what it means for you and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses as well as Capital Access for small businesses.

*K.A. Perkins, Deputy Director, All Small Mentor Protégé Program, Small Business Administration*

**3:15 PM – 4:15 PM**  
POINCIANA A-D**Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Department of Commerce: Updates and Opportunities for Small Business**

The mission of the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is to promote the growth of minority owned businesses through the mobilization and advancement of public and private sector programs, policy, and research. MBDA has accomplished this mission by funding a network of centers that provide Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) a variety of business assistance services. Learn more about how they are currently working with small businesses, universities, communities to promote job creation, economic growth, and sustainable development.

*Ronald Uba, Senior Business Development Specialist, Minority Business Development Agency, Department of Commerce (INVITED)*

**4:30 PM – 6:30 PM**  
PORTICO PATIO**Networking Reception**

Meeting us for a light fare, networking, and sharing of information.



**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

**7:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

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**HOT TOPIC: Project Spectrum – Protecting Our Nation’s Data One Small Business at a Time**

If you don’t believe small business cybersecurity impacts our national defense, and our national security, think again. Of the approximately 718,000 manufacturers in the United States, 95-99% are small businesses with less than 20 employees. Not surprisingly, many of those companies lack the resources to implement proper cybersecurity protocols. The costs are staggering – small businesses lost more than \$10 billion due to cyber theft last year, and the total losses from cybercrime were a staggering \$7 trillion.

Come learn about the Department of Defense-sponsored initiative to bolster our nation's cybersecurity one small business at a time. Project Spectrum's cybersecurity assessments can assist small- and medium-sized companies achieve their desired level of CMMC and NIST compliance. Endorsed and supported by DoD’s Office of Small Business Programs, Project Spectrum is a free-to-users platform developed to raise awareness and provide the tools and training needed to protect our nation’s supply chain from exploitation.

*Kareem Sykes, Program Manager, Project Spectrum*

**APEX Accelerators (Formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Centers): Providing the education and training all businesses need to contract with the Government**

After attending this session, attendees will: understand what APEX Accelerators do and how to locate the closest APEX Accelerators’ office. This session will inform attendees about procurement technical assistance provided (including assistance with SAM registrations, certifications, and assistance preparing Capability Statements), at no cost, in order to achieve eligibility, reach cyber security compliance, and prepare and submit bids in the pursuit of readiness to perform under contracts with the Department of Defense, other federal agencies, state and local governments and with government prime contractors.

Hear first- hand accounts of how our Accelerators’ assistance brought value to a company who needed help navigating what is known to be an arduous process.



**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

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**11:15 AM – 12:00 PM**  
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**Moderator: Khalil Mack**, Director, APEX Accelerators, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense  
**Speakers: Lonye Ford**, CEO, Arlo Solutions  
**Arlene Wube**, President & COO, Arlo Solutions  
**Darryl Thomas**, Program Manager, Illinois APEX Accelerators  
**Katie Thompson**, Division Chief, U.S. Army Contracting Command, APG  
**Don Zavesky**, APEX Accelerators

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**Morning Keynote**

**Joseph B. Anderson, Jr.**, Chairman & CEO TAG Holdings, LLC

Mr. Joseph B. Anderson, Jr. graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Math and Engineering. He subsequently received two master's degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles. Mr. Anderson attended the Army's Command and General Staff College and is a graduate of the Harvard Advanced Management Program. Mr. Anderson received an Honorary Doctor of Management Degree from Kettering University and an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science Degree from Central Michigan University. In May 2016, Mr. Anderson received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the United States Military Academy at West Point, honoring him for his lifetime of achievement.

During his military career, Mr. Anderson commanded troops as an infantry officer in the 82nd Airborne Division and served two tours of duty with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam. In addition to troop command, Mr. Anderson served as aide-de-camp to two general officers, and he also was an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point. Mr. Anderson and the infantry platoon he commanded in Vietnam were subjects of the highly acclaimed documentary film "The Anderson Platoon". The documentary has been shown in more than 20 countries and has won several awards to include the Oscar of the Academy Awards and an Emmy. Mr. Anderson's military awards include two silver stars, five bronze stars, three Army Commendation Medals, and eleven Air Medals. Mr. Anderson resigned his commission after 13 years of service and early selection for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.



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GRAND CYPRESS B

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS C

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***Christopher Hergett**, Montana State University - MilTech*

***Wayne Pizer**, Executive Director, Small Business, CACI International Inc.*

**What is Going on in the World of Simulation and Training in Central Florida?**

This session is a panel discussion on the types of missions, requirements, and opportunities in simulation and training. Also a discussion on doing business with the Program Executive Office for Simulation Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), the Naval Air Warfare Center Training System Division (NAWCTSD); and the University of Central Florida Tech Grove.

***Moderator: Damion Bailey**, Deputy Director, ACC Orlando Office of Small Business Programs*

***Speakers: Randy Edney**, Director, Army Contracting Command (ACC) Orlando Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense*

***Leslie Faircloth**, Deputy Director Office of Small Business Programs NAWCTSD*

***Carol Ann Logue**, Director, Central Florida Tech Grove*

**Private Investor Equity**

***Speakers: Linda Lourne***

***Heather Richmond***

***Blair Thompson***

**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29****3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**  
POINCIANA A-D**SBIR/STTR Training and Participation**

Department of Defense and Small Business Administration SBIR/STTR program leadership discuss the importance of the SBIR/STTR programs and how they leverage the ingenuity of small businesses and research institutions to develop innovative technologies and solutions. Participants will learn about technology priorities and have an opportunity for Q&A.

**Moderator: Ian Roth, MBA**, Outreach, Education, and Technology Transition Senior Analyst (DoD SBIR/STTR Program) - OUSD(R&E) at Strategic Analysis Incorporated

**Speakers: Susan Celis**, Director, Defense SBIR/STTR Program Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Department of Defense

**Brian Shipley**, Program Manager, Commercialization, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) / Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs, Department of the Navy, Department of Defense

**Matthew Willis, Ph.D.**, Director, Army Prize Competitions, Army Applied SBIR Program, Department of Defense

**4:00 PM - 4:15 PM****Break****BREAKOUT SESSION 3****4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**  
GRAND CYPRESS A**The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Reporting Requirements**

The Defense Contract Management Agency is an agency tasked with supporting the Department of Defense (DoD), working directly with defense suppliers and contractors. During this session, we discuss contract obligations and maintaining compliance to your contract. This will include defining terms and what information is required, reporting after agreement ends.

**Moderator: Angela Dokes**, Mentor-Protégé Program Team Lead, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense

**Walter Brown**, Small Business Professional, Mentor-Protégé Program, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense

**Lisa Hostetler**, Small Business Professional, Mentor-Protégé Program, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense

**Kendra Kinnie**, Small Business Professional, Mentor-Protégé Program, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense

**Marilyn Messina**, Small Business Professional, Mentor-Protégé Program, Defense Contract Management Agency, Department of Defense

**DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29****4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

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**Indian Incentive Program Overview**

The Department of Defense (DoD) Indian Incentive Program (IIP) is designed to encourage the use of Indian Organizations, Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises and Native Hawaiian Small Business Concerns by providing a 5% incentive to prime and sub-tier contractors who subcontract with such eligible firms. The program is managed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP). This session will provide a program overview and qualifications for using this incentive program.

***Jonathan Wright**, Associate Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense*

**4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

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**Small Business Civic Engagement**

Small businesses typically are unaware of the hidden benefits that are associated with leveraging civic engagement to expand their business footprint. Specifically, civic engagement can be used to participate in legislative processes that allows small businesses to comment on federal legislation that impacts their businesses. This form of advocacy positions small businesses to raise their voices to elevate their political concerns, change how legislation is composed and drafted to financially assist them, and to craft legislation that eases the capacity building burdens for small businesses. This session will introduce small business stakeholders to the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, its products, and services, and how small businesses can connect with this resource to leverage their civic engagement.

***Montez Diamond**, Region 4 Advocate, SBA Office of Advocacy, Small Business Administration*

**4:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

POINCIANA A-D

**Leveraging HBCU/MSI/APEX/SBDC/MEP/WBC Involvement**

Representatives from Authorized Subcontracts discuss their experiences in the Mentor-Protégé Program and what capabilities they can bring to a MPP agreement. This session will provide an educational opportunity of how these institutions can play a major role in each Mentor Protégé Agreement and how small businesses can leverage their knowledge.

***Moderator: David Sikora**, Mentor-Protégé Program Manager, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense*

***Speakers: Paul Liu, Ph.D.**, California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)*

***Lisa Mayes**, CEO, Catalyst Center*

***Omar Muhammad**, Director, Entrepreneurial Development & Assistance Center, Morgan State University*

***Mike Vanier**, Vice President of Client Engagement, Oregon MEP (OMEPE)*





**DAY 4 - THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

**7:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Registration & Help Desk**

Event registration area for on-site conference related needs - name badges, mobile app, agenda questions, and room assignments.

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**  
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**Breakfast and Networking**

Start your day with coffee and conversations over a continental breakfast

**GENERAL SESSIONS**

**9:00 AM – 9:45 AM**  
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**Morning Keynote**

*Justin McFarlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Development & International Engagement, Department of Defense*

Mr. Justin K. McFarlin currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Development & International Engagement at the U.S. Department of Defense. In this role, Mr. McFarlin is responsible for Defense Industrial Base engagement strategy development and coordination, as well as the coordination and integration of all international agreements in the fields of research, development, acquisition and logistics, and foreign military sales. Specifically, he acts for the ASD(IBP) on matters concerning international programs while directing and monitoring the implementation of defense policies on international armaments cooperation within the Department. Mr. McFarlin oversees the Office of International Cooperation and the Office of Industry Engagement.

**9:45 AM – 10:15 AM**  
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**Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) & National Security Innovation Network (NSIN) Panel**

Come learn how DIU helps companies navigate security and compliance issues while also hearing how NSIN partners with national research universities and the venture community to reinvigorate civil-military technology collaboration.

*Cheryl Instad, Managing Director, National Security Innovation Network (NSIN), Department of Defense*

*Mike Madsen, Acting Director and Deputy Director, Defense Innovation Unit (DIU), Department of Defense*

**10:15 AM - 11:15 AM**  
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**DoD Manufacturing Innovation Institutes (MIIs) and Manufacturing USA**

This session will highlight the importance of maintaining innovation and agility to connect across DoD and provide the most effective solution to the warfighter. This session will help attendees learn how to collaborate with partners from the academic and venture communities. This session will also highlight the significance of partnership, how to build the relationship with industry and DoD, and how to promote and sustain the collaborative environment.



**DAY 4 - THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

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**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
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**Moderator: Steve Luckowski**, Program Manager, OSD Manufacturing Innovation Institutes and JPEO Armaments and Ammunition Advanced Manufacturing Technology  
**Speakers: Mills, TBD**

**Break**

**BREAKOUT SESSION 4**

**DCSA Personnel and Facilities Security and Clearance**  
This session will provide the small business community an understanding of what it takes for a small business to obtain a Facility Clearance including what it takes for the small business to get “sponsored” to be able to obtain one.

**Michael Ray**, Deputy Assistant Director of Operation, Vetting Risk Operations (VRO) Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency

**Utilization of Other Transaction Authority (OTAs)**

**Ashley Maddox**, Division Director, Washington Headquarters Service, Acquisition Directorate, Enterprise Research & Engineering Division

**SOFWERX, AFWERX, Naval X, and Army xTech Search Overview**

**Kevin 'K2' Kendig, Ph.D.**, AF Ventures and Chief Engineer, Officer for the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense  
**Amy D'Agostino**, Program Manager, Army Tech X  
**Leslie Babich**, Director, SOFWERX  
**Grand Cypress G,H,I**

**Nunn-Perry Awards Luncheon**

Named for the contributions of Sen. Sam Nunn and the former Defense Secretary William Perry, who both played critical roles in the implementation of the DOD Mentor-Protégé Program, recipients of the Nunn-Perry Award excel in technical assistance, protégé growth, and impact on protégé development. Come celebrate excellence in the Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Program with awards that recognizes performance and success.

**Keynote: Mario Diaz**, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army