



"Big Dreams Small Business" NEWS

Small Business SDC and SBA Honor Nation's Best

Did you know that 25.5 million small businesses in America employ more than half the country's private work force, create three of every four new jobs, and generate a majority of American innovations? Recognizing the contributions by small businesses to our nation's economy, every year the U.S. Small Business Administration honors America's top entrepreneurs during ceremonies at the National Small Business Week celebration.

Hosted in Washington, DC from May 7-9, this year's celebration will feature award ceremonies and presentations by notable speakers from industry and government on issues of vital interest to the small business community. Joining SBA in this celebration are representatives from the GSA/FTS Small

Business Solutions Development Center (SBSDC) who invite you to attend the conference and visit with them about their 8(a) information technology contracts and the e-commerce portal **SmallBizMall.gov**.

Smallbizmall.gov, was developed by CeKA Technologies, Inc., a Vienna, Virginia 8(a) firm, along with their partner, Onlinesuppliers.com (OLS) and is the first government website that showcases 8(a) small and disadvantaged businesses. Federal clients who do business on the mall may receive 8(a) or small and disadvantaged credit for their purchases. The mall also features comparison shopping, quantity discounts, special pricing and safe, secure transaction processing. Government buyers can browse, shop and buy on line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The GSA 300 and DOD 1155 purchase orders, DD250 receiving report and SF 1449 are now available on the mall.

For more information about the 8(a) contracts or for a personal demonstration of **Smallbizmall.gov**, visit us at booth # 201 at the SBA Business Opportunity Expo, May 9 in Washington, DC or the CeKA Technologies booth #1133 at the GSA International Products and Services Expo, May 22-24, in Orlando, Florida. Additional information about Smallbizmall.gov or the SBSDC may be found on the web at <http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov> or by calling 1-877-327-8732.

Upcoming May events:

- The 34th Annual Joint Industry/SBA Procurement Conference & Business Opportunity Expo, May 9, Washington, DC, <http://smallbusinesssuccess.sba.gov/>
- The GSA International Products & Services Expo, May 22-24, Orlando, FL, www.expo.gsa.gov