



"Big Dreams Small Business" NEWS

August Brings SmallBizMall.gov Sales Past \$1.4 Million

The Small Business Solutions Development Center is pleased to announce that sales through its e-commerce portal SmallBizMall.gov, hit the \$1.4 million dollar mark this month. Smallbizmall.gov is the first government e-commerce portal dedicated to ordering from 8(a) small and disadvantaged information technology businesses.

A product of the General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Technology Service (FTS), Small Business Solutions Development Center (SBSDC), SmallBizMall.gov was launched in April 2000 as a 90-day pilot with nine, 8(a) industry partners. Today, 29, 8(a) small and disadvantaged businesses who hold 8(a) FAST contracts with the SBSDC have storefronts on the mall.

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.

Any 8(a) FAST contract holders not currently on the mall may add their storefront by contacting Mark Tello of CeKA Technologies at 703-519-9400, x-119 or mtello@ceka.com.

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 Events:

- Sep 23-26: 19th Annual National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conference & Expo, Washington, DC, <http://www.medweek.gov/>
- Oct 28-31: National Minority Supplier Development Council Conference & Business Opportunity Fair, Atlanta, Georgia, <http://www.nmsdcus.org/events/conference.html>