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Central Contractor Registration Database Serves as Foundation for New Business Partner Network

Attention all 8(a) FAST Contract Holders!

Do you know what the Central Contractor Registration and Business Partner Network have in common? Has "E-Government" become part of your vocabulary? If you answered "No" to either of these questions, here's your chance to come up to speed.

As one of the President's E-Government initiatives, OMB proposes the creation of a Business Partner Network that will provide a single point of registration and validation of supplier data. Using the current Central Contractor Registration (CCR) as the foundation, this new network is intended to create an environment that will enhance the current CCR database and allow for integration with a host of existing vendor data systems located throughout the federal government.

CCR requires suppliers to provide data to support payment, contracting and other business transactions. Previously, registration in CCR was mandatory for firms interested in doing business with the Department of Defense and a handful of civilian agencies. To facilitate this new initiative, OMB is mandating the use of CCR government-wide and efforts are underway for agencies to make the transition by January 2003.

Industry Partners: Register now at <http://www.ccr.gov>. Not doing so may potentially lead to problems with electronic payment, electronic notification, validation of data and successful integration with other vendor data systems such as FedBizOpps, SBA's PRO-Net and other systems that are brought on-line during Fiscal Year 2003. To remain active, you must update or renew your registration annually. For more information or to register in the CCR database, visit <http://www.ccr.gov>. For more information on the proposed Business Partner Network, click the E-Gov Initiatives link from the Acquisition Network website at <http://www.acqnet.gov>.

Kudos!

Congratulations go out to Small Business SDC Industry Partner Northern NEF for reaching their \$90M contract ceiling on one of its two 8(a) FAST contracts. Effective immediately, new task orders must be placed using the second contract, GS00K97AFD2226, which is listed in the ITSS ordering system. Please contact Lori Burghart at 816-823-3369 or lori.burghart@gsa.gov for questions regarding modifications or for additional information.

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