



## EM News Flash

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) sent out a News Flash on March 25 on Continuing Progress in Tribal Communities.

The DOE Offices of Indian Energy and Economic Impact and Diversity are partnering with EM to develop a Departmental strategy to eliminate barriers Tribal Nations face competing for contracts.

In support of this effort, Secretary Steven Chu issued a policy and guidance that gives preference to Tribes when DOE contracts to purchase renewable energy products and by-products, including electricity, fuel sources, and renewable energy certificates. Stakeholders can shape the future of EM sites by building on successful intergovernmental partnerships and Tribal business interests.



**Welcome**

Welcome to our April issue. Spring is here; however, it doesn't seem like it with the rain/snow mix and cold temperatures. Be careful driving in this weather.

This April issue of UCOR Small Business News is dedicated to showcasing the National Reservation Economic Summit 2013 Expo and trade show, held March 11-14.

## Meet Lacrosha Seiber

Lacrosha Seiber, a UCOR senior Subcontract Administrator, is a Tennessee native who has tremendous experience in the government contracting arena. She has worked with Prime Contractors for DOE for many years.

Lacrosha began her career working for the Union Carbide Corporation, Nuclear Division. From there, she worked with Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, and Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC before transition to URS | CH2M Oak Ridge (UCOR).

As a Bechtel Jacobs Company employee, Lacrosha worked in dual roles, providing services in both Purchasing and Subcontracts, before gradually moving entirely to the Subcontracts side. She says she most enjoyed being deployed to the ETTP Project as Subcontract Administrator for infrastructure, maintenance, and construction subcontracts. Her responsibilities now are primarily with the Waste Management Group.

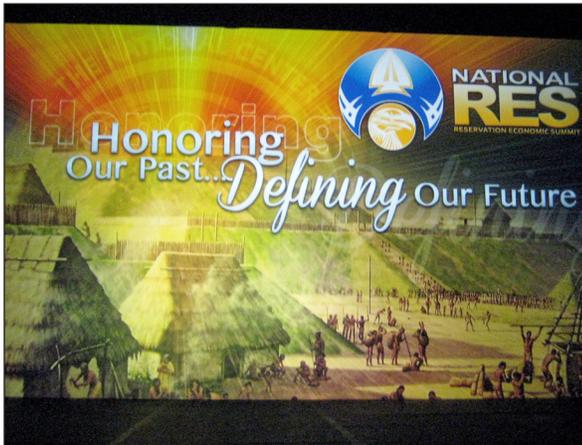
Lacrosha is married and has a son, daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren, who she says "make her world go 'round." Grandchildren Briley "Little Bit" is six years old, and Hudson "Wildman" is two years old. Lacrosha always has a quiet smile, a calm demeanor, and a true "Volunteer" spirit. She has worked with new hires in the department to learn the ropes and is always ready with a helping hand.



Lacrosha Seiber

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One of the three screens on stage at RES 2013



Native Pride Dancers on stage with the regalia

Gary Davis,  
President/  
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NCAIED, with  
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## Welcome to RES 2013

Gary Davis – President/CEO, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED), welcomed everyone to National Reservation Economic Summit (RES) 2013 with a very dynamic speech. He explained that this year’s theme was “Honoring Our Past...Defining Our Future.” He said, “You will bear witness to the energy of the mounds of Cahokia, brought alive once again, here at National RES.” He explained that throughout history, the Indigenous People have traditionally bartered on their lands and utilized advanced skills—even astronomy—in order to travel and trade globally. Business is not new to Indian Country. In this way, National RES honors those who have come before us.

He explained that it is only by all tribes working together that they could they grow their communities for the betterment of future generations. The NCAIED entwines Ancient Cahokia into National RES Las Vegas 2013. Cahokia is the pinnacle achievement of the Mississippian culture. The National RES is a modern day version of Cahokia. The RES event gathers Native People from all across North America and participants from around the world to do business and talk about economic development.

The Cahokia remains are one of the most sophisticated prehistoric native civilizations north of Mexico and are preserved within a 2,200-acre tract, located a few miles west of Collinsville, Illinois. The remnants of the central section of this ancient settlement are known today as one of the greatest cities of the world. The city of Cahokia was larger than London in AD 1250. Cahokia Mounds has been recognized as a U. S. National Historic Landmark.

The city of Cahokia was inhabited from about A.D. 700 to 1400. At its peak, from A.D. 1050 – 1200, the city covered nearly six square miles and was populated by 10,000 to 20,000 people. More than 120 mounds were built over time, with most of the mounds being enlarged several times. Houses were arranged in rows and around open plazas, and vast agricultural fields lay outside the city.

## About NCAIED

Throughout the years, NCAIED has always evolved to meet the growing needs of the American Indian business community.

Created by American Indians in 1969 and led by American Indians throughout the history, they are the first national organization solely dedicated to developing American Indian economic self-sufficiency through business ownership. The Tribal values and the vision of their elders that created this great organization continue today through their programs. Their work significantly contributes to leadership, small business and economic development for Indian Country

## Native American Women Warriors

The Native American Women Warriors mission is dedicated to recognition of women veterans, especially of Native American descent, and their contribution to the military.

Their goal is to assist their Native American women veterans in receiving the help desperately needed to empower themselves to take on modern challenges in education and employment, and to guide those needing special services to attain a powerful mind, body, and spirit.

Native American Women Warriors color guard presented the colors at the beginning of the 2012 White House Tribal Nations Conference as well as National RES 2013. This was very moving to watch, according to Karen Reeve, UCOR Small Business Manager.



Native American Women Warriors Honor Guard



Karen Reeve with Native Pride Dancer





## Award Presented

The NCAIED recognized Roxie Schescke, President of Indian Eyes, with its prestigious National Native Woman Business Owner of the Year Award. It was given in recognition of outstanding leadership, management, quality performance, and commitment to excellence as a Native Women and to the Native Community. Congratulations Roxie!

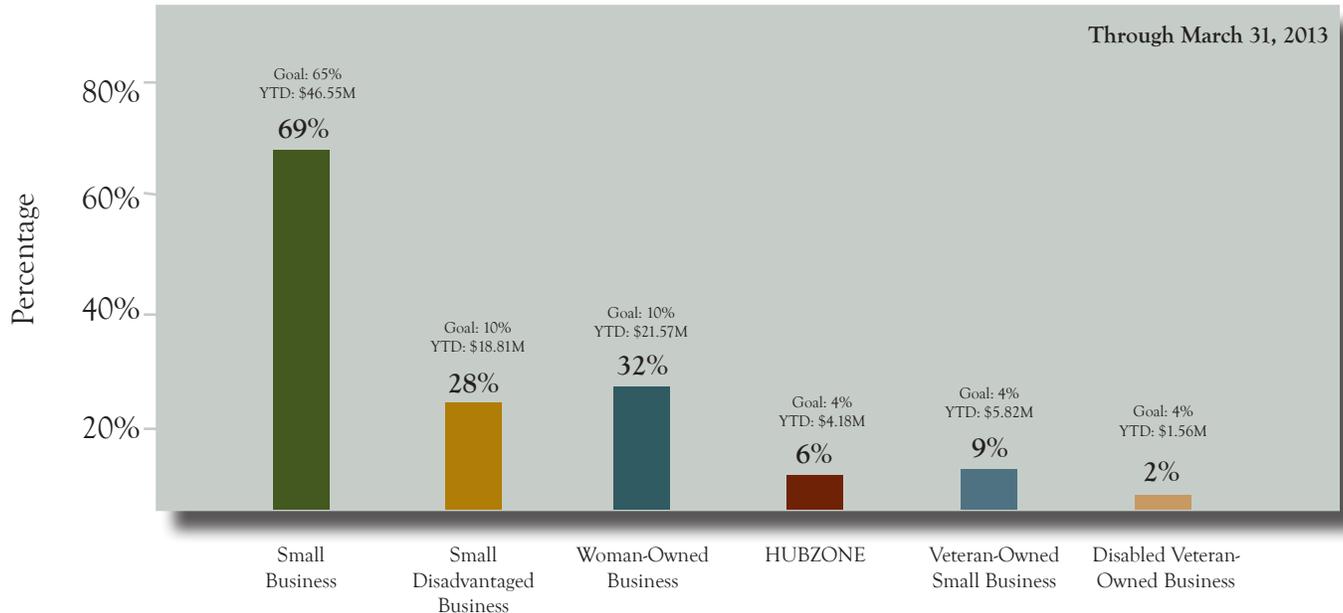


Pictured are Karen Reeve; Michael York, Vice President of Alliance of Professionals & Consultants, Inc., which is Native American owned and a source for IT, Business and Engineering Professionals; and Deaun Lone Bear, URS Native American Small Business Advocate, receiving a blanket from York.

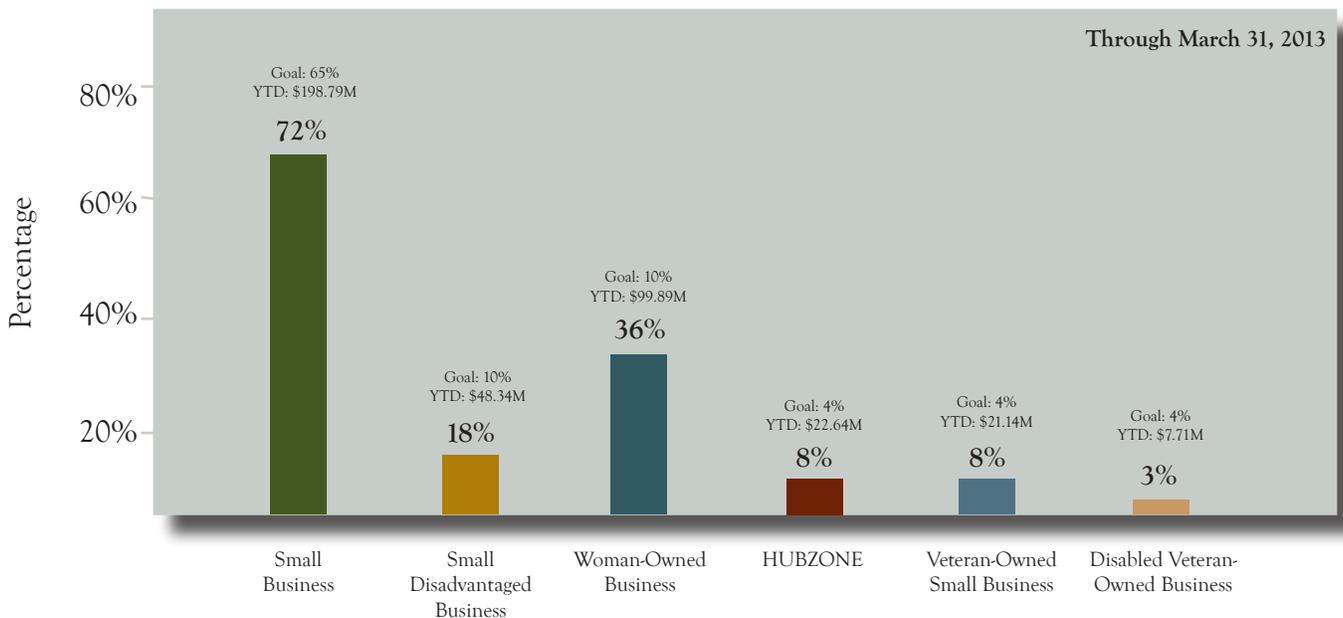
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# UCOR Small Business Statistics

## Summary FY 2013: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



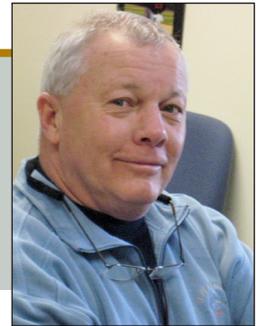
## Inception to Date: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



We would love to hear from you! Please contact us at (865) 576-5643 (phone), or Karen.reeve@ettp.doe.gov (email).

## Procurement Training

On March 28, Joe Hudson, Subcontracts Manager, provided classroom training on DOE Advance Notification and DOE Consent Requirements to the Subcontracts and Procurement Group.



Joe Hudson  
Subcontracts Manager

“Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress.”

Mahatma Gandhi



Picture of the DOE Offices of Energy and Economic Impact and Diversity Booth at National RES 2013