



April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Thousands die needlessly each year because people continue to use their cell phones while driving. Join the National Safety Council this April in urging those you care about to:

- Stop using cell phones while driving
- Inform people who call you while driving that you'd be happy to continue the conversation once they have reached their destination
- Share what you know about the dangers of cell phone distracted driving
- Eighty percent of American drivers believe hands-free devices are safer than using a handheld phone, but that is just not the case. More than 30 studies show hands-free devices are no safer because the brain remains distracted by the conversation.

Contact Information

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

Managing Defense Contract Audit Agency Audits



UCOR Supply Chain group attended a free workshop on “Inside the DCAA Audit Process” at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce on March 26. Presenting the workshop was Laura Davis, President, Strategic Consulting Solutions, Inc.

The Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) was formed in January 1965, and is headquartered in Ft. Belvoir, Va. It has five regional offices and more than 300 field and sub offices throughout the country. The DCAA—under the authority, direction and control of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)—is responsible for performing all contract audits for the Department of Defense (DoD). In addition, the DCAA is charged with providing accounting and financial advisory services regarding contracts and subcontracts to all DoD components responsible for procurement and contract administration. These services are provided in connection with negotiation, administration, and settlement of contracts and subcontracts. DCAA also provides contract audit services to some other Government Agencies.

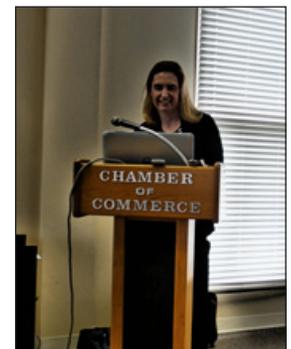
Here are some of the types of DCAA Audits:

- Accounting System Review
- Proposal Pricing
- Incurred Cost Submission
- Timesheet Floor-check
- Financial Capability
- Public Voucher
- Purchasing System Review

When DCAA performs a Proposal Pricing Audit, they verify the cost/pricing data is fair and reasonable. They review the source of proposal direct cost. They determine that the labor is based on actual employee data, wage determination/collective bargaining agreement, offer letter, or paid salary survey. Non-labor-based on vendor quotes should have more than one quote. They review proposal indirect rates, which requires current year and forward pricing rates, comparing to prior year actual rates, and they want variances explained in full detail.

What triggers an audit?

- Submission of a proposal
- Contracting Officer Request
- Internal Control weaknesses found during other audit
- Incurred Cost Submissions based on fiscal year.



Laura Davis, presenting Managing DCAA Audits

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DCAA Audits (continued from p. 1)

For anyone interested, audit programs can be found on DCAA's website. Please visit www.dcaa.mil. Audit programs, audit manuals, and the ICE model are all listed under that website. Contractors should become familiar with the audit program and understand what is or isn't part of the audit program.

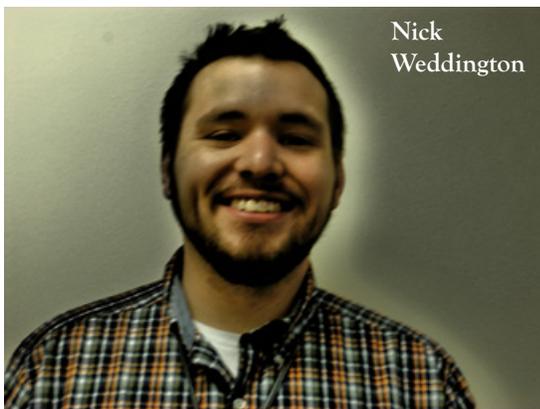


Class taking notes

Upcoming events

To register for any of these events (not marked in yellow), please email Jutta Bangs at jbangs@tsbdc.org

- April 7, 2015 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Business planning/Getting ready to see a lender seminar, held at the Anderson County Chamber, Clinton
- April 9, 2015 - 9 am to noon - How to do business with the government, held at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge
- April 9, 2015 - 1 pm - 3 pm - HUBZone & 8(a) certification overview, held at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge
- April 22, 2015 - 9 am to noon - Advanced GSA seminar, held at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge
- April 24, 2015 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm - Small Business Start-up seminar, held at the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge
- June 16 - 18, 2015: 14th Annual DOE Small Business Forum and Expo, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ



Nick
Weddington

Farewell to Nick Weddington

Nick Weddington is leaving UCOR this month, having accepted a position at ORNL. Nick has worked as a buyer at ETTP since November 2012. Nick oversaw the credit card purchasing program and took care of cardholder issues. We wish you the best.

Happy Retirement, Tom Burwinkle

Tom Burwinkle, a Subcontract Administrator for UCOR with more than 27 years of experience in environmental management positions at ETTP, is retiring. We congratulate Tom on his retirement! We hope you enjoy more time with your family, boating, and flying.



Tom Burwinkle

SBA Launches Destination: HUB

The administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Maria Conreras-Sweet, announced the launch of Destination: HUB last October. For more than 17 years, the HUBZone program has served as one of SBA's signature initiatives and has helped small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities.

The program encourages economic development and employment growth in distressed areas by providing opportunities for firms to become active participants in the federal supply chain. Destination: HUB will promote and highlight HUBZones for opportunities in federal procurement.

The HUBZone Program has been a critical resource, creating jobs, alleviating poverty and reducing unemployment in our nation's most vulnerable communities. The program has had transformational effect on small businesses all across the country. SBA's Destination: HUB will spotlight our underserved small businesses and promote HUBZones as ideal places for government contractors to do business.

In 2013, SBA scorecard reported that HUBZone businesses only received 1.7 percent of federal contracts. That is short of the 3 percent goal. This initiative is helping the SBA achieve that goal.

Destination: HUB will promote and support HUBZone firms in federal contract opportunities, while ensuring local economic development boards, government officials, federal buyers, and prime contractors work hand in hand to bring more sole-source and set-asides directly for these HUBZones.

Destination: HUB will consist of three major components:

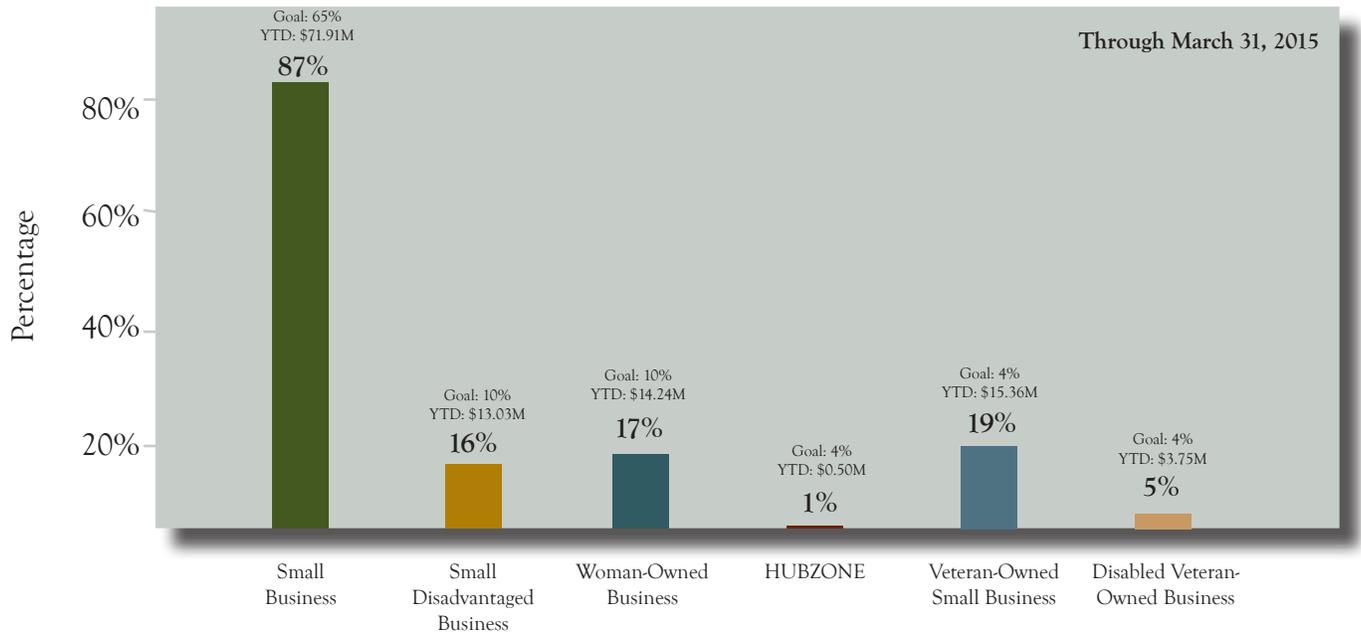
1. an in-depth examination of successes and needs in the HUBZone program;
2. analysis of ideal situations for successful HUBZone collaboration, using the power of its public-private partnerships and market research to recruit more firms for HUBZone participation
3. the launching of a broad grassroots education initiative that will work with community organizations, faith leaders, local economic development and key stakeholders, to urge participation in and inspire collective ownership of the HUBZone program, at both the regional and national levels.

The HUBZone program, enacted in 1997, helps small businesses located in areas that have been identified and designated as historically underutilized in both rural and urban communities, and on Indian reservations, receive contract help, thus promoting job growth, capital investment and economic development. The SBA regulates and implements the HUBZone Program and determines which businesses are eligible to receive HUBZone contracts.



UCOR Small Business Statistics

Summary FY 2015: Percent of Subcontract Dollars Placed with Socioeconomic Firms



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

