

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS WORKS CLOSELY WITH DCAA and DCMA

The Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) is pleased to announce the appointment of small business ombudsmen in the Defense Contract Audit Agency and (DCAA) and Defense Contract Management Agency and (DCMA).

DCAA appointed Ms. Carol Sexton, Chief Operations Audit Liaison Division, as the Agency's small business focal point. DCMA appointed Mr. Mark Olson who is also currently the DCMA Small Business Director. As their Agency Small Business focal points, Ms. Sexton and Mr. Olson will advise their respective Directors on policy issues related to small business concerns, serve as the agencies' primary point of contact and source of information. For DCAA, Ms. Sexton will also collect and monitor relevant data regarding the defense audit agency's conduct of audits. Ms. Sexton's duties shall be segregated from ongoing audits in the field and shall not engage in activities with regard to particular audits that could compromise the independence of the Agency or undermine compliance with applicable audit standards. For DCMA, Mr. Olson will evaluate and analyze how well prime contractors ensure small businesses receive maximum practicable opportunity to participate in prime contractors' subcontracts.

DoD OSBP Director, Mr. Andre Gudger stated, "These appointments are another example of DoD working to reduce barriers for small businesses and will strengthen the partnership between DCAA, DCMA and industry." OSBP has continued to strengthen its relationship with these agencies. For example, in 2012 OSBP and DCAA also partnered to ensure small businesses received information on the required financial systems for SBIR Phase II awards earlier in the submission process to better inform them on the required audit systems.

For additional information on OSBP, DCAA and DCMA please visit <http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp>, www.dcma.mil and www.dcaa.mil.