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**Office of Small & Disadvantaged
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4th Annual Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Opportunity Day (DOEVETS'22)

Building Clean and Sustainable Energy Economy with Your Continued Service

- SPEAKERS -



David M. Turk

Deputy Secretary,
U.S. Department of Energy

Prior to his nomination as Deputy Secretary, Turk was the Deputy Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), where he focused on helping countries around the world tackle their clean energy transitions. He also directed reports on the digitalization of energy systems, the future of clean hydrogen, and a project tracking progress on a wide range of clean energy technologies.

During the Obama-Biden Administration, Turk coordinated international technology and clean energy efforts at DOE. During this time, he helped spearhead the launch of Mission Innovation—a global effort to enhance clean energy innovation.

Turk also served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the U.S. National Security Council, where he coordinated interagency legislative affairs efforts by the full range of national security agencies and provided legislative advice to National Security Council decision-making. He also previously worked at the U.S. Department of State, including as Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change and helping to coordinate New Start Treaty ratification efforts in the U.S. Senate.

Earlier in his career, Turk worked in both the U.S. Senate, primarily on national security issues, and as the Staff Director of the National Security Subcommittee of the House Oversight Committee.

Turk was born in Quito, Ecuador and raised in Rock Falls, Illinois. He is a graduate of both the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Virginia Law School. He and his wife, Emily Turk, have three children.



Don Cravins Jr.

Under Secretary,
Minority Business Development Agency
U.S. Department of Commerce

Mr. Donald "Don" R. Cravins, Jr. serves as the first Under Secretary of Commerce for Minority Business Development where he leads the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) in its service of the nation's 9.7 million minority business enterprises. After more than 52 years in existence, in 2021 President Biden signed the Minority Business Development Act of 2021 expanding and making permanent MBDA as the United States' newest federal agency. Under Secretary Cravins was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on August 4, 2022.

Mr. Cravins holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Louisiana State University and a Juris Doctor from the Southern University Law Center, where he served on the Law Review and the Moot Court Board. In 2004, he was elected to the Louisiana House of Representatives and in 2006 elected to the Louisiana State Senate. While in the Louisiana Legislature, he represented hundreds of businesses —many were minority-owned, and many located in rural communities. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Mr. Cravins served as a voice and champion for business owners, assisting with navigating the challenges related to recovery and rebuilding.

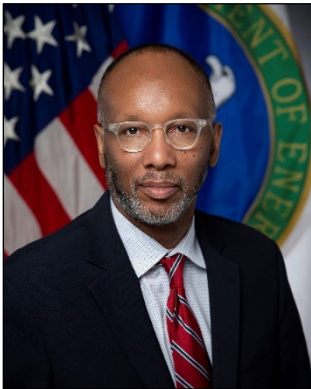
In January 2009, Mr. Cravins left the Louisiana Legislature to serve as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the United States Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, where he played a vital role in the successful passage of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. In January 2013, he became the Chief of Staff to United States Senator Mary L. Landrieu of Louisiana. At that time, he was the only African American Chief of Staff in the United States Senate.

Since leaving the United States Senate in 2015, Mr. Cravins has served in key executive positions for some of America's largest non-profit and for-profit corporations, including the National Urban League where he most recently served as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. As one of the Nation's preeminent Civil Rights Organizations, Mr. Cravins led the National Urban League's entrepreneurial initiatives and spearheaded its corporate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program.

In addition to serving as Under Secretary, Mr. Cravins is a United States Army Major in the District of Columbia Army National Guard Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. His awards and military decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He is also a Life Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a Life Member of The Rocks, Inc., and a member of the 100 Black Men of Prince George's County.

His honors include induction into the Southern University Law School Hall of Fame in 2018, recognition as a Distinguished Alumnus of Louisiana State University in 2015, and in 2020 he was named Advocate of the Year by the National Bar Association.

Under Secretary Cravins and his wife, Yvette Puckett Cravins, Esq., have three children and reside in Maryland.



Ron Pierce

Director,
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)
U.S. Department of Energy

Ron Pierce is the Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). In his prior role, he served as an independent management consultant, where he led efforts to address issues on environmental and climate change for several small businesses and military veteran lawmakers.

He spent five years as Senior Director of PBS Veterans and Small Business Initiatives on the Station Services Team. Ron led the national planning, coordination, and implementation efforts for member stations and other public media partners across the country. Over the course of two high-profile presidential campaigns, he was the National Director of small business, veterans, and military family outreach programs at the DNC.

A combat veteran, Ron spent 11 years as a U.S. Army Officer.

He earned his B.S. in Behavioral Human Services from U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY, and holds a Master of International Affairs from The Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey, CA.



Tamara L. Miles

Deputy Director, Small Business Programs
Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)
U.S. Department of Energy

Tamara Miles is the Deputy Director, Small Business Programs, for the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) as of December 2020. She has a heart for small business concerns and is charged with maximizing small business opportunities and contract awards.

Prior to joining OSDBU, Tamara served as Assistant Director and Procurement Director at the DOE Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center leading a team of 40+ geographically dispersed contracting professionals in the acquisition and management of multi-billion dollar environmental clean-up contracts nationwide.

Tamara believes that teamwork, resiliency, and hard work are cornerstones for success. Her favorite quote is, "Find the good and praise it" - Alex Haley.

Tamara is Level III certified under the Federal Acquisition Certification Program in Contracting. She attended the University of Cincinnati for undergraduate and graduate studies earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with honors in Finance and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Tamara is married to a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and they have three children.



Nicola Ohaegbu

Senior Small Business Advocate
Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)
U.S. Department of Energy

Nicola Ohaegbu is a Senior Small Business Advocate within the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. Nicola analyzes and interprets contracting policies and directives and provides guidance and assistance to program offices across the Department of Energy (DOE). One of Nicola's principal duties is to advocate and negotiate for maximum prime and subcontract procurement opportunities for all small businesses.

Prior to DOE, Nicola worked for the U.S. Army Medical Research Materiel Command - Office of Small Business Programs. Her dedication earned her the Army's FY 2015 Small Business Specialist of the Year Award for Exceptional Service.

Nicola has a Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University, a Master of Business Administration from Mount St. Mary's University, and a Bachelor of Science in General Studies from Northwestern University. Nicola is Level III certified in the Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting Program.

Finally, Nicola served honorably in the U.S. Navy.



Martina Williams

Acting Deputy Director,
Office of Government Contracting – Area II
U.S. Small Business Administration

Martina Williams began her federal government career with the Department of the Navy. Mrs. Williams is a Procurement Center Representative (PCR) with the Small Business Administration (SBA), serving the Washington, DC metropolitan area (Area II). She has been a member of the SBA Government Contracting staff for more than eleven years. Mrs. Williams brought to the agency, from the Department of Defense, over twenty years of combined Contracting and Small Business advocacy experience. Mrs. Williams' dedication to the field, led her to obtain a Masters' Degree in

Procurement and Acquisition Management. In her role as a PCR, Mrs. Williams is responsible for advocating on behalf of and counseling small businesses concerns on federal government procurement opportunities.



Kimberly Osborne, JD

Deputy Executive Director
Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Ms. Kimberly Osborne was selected to serve as the Deputy Executive Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) in May 2021. The experience she brings to bear ensures timely and efficient customer service. Ms. Osborne implements the Secretary's four guiding principles of Advocacy, Access, Outcomes and Excellence through her oversight of VA small business programs.

Before coming to OSDBU, Ms. Osborne was a Senior Executive at the VA Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board). She served as a Deputy Vice Chairman and was an active member of the Board's Senior Executive management team. In this role, she directly supervised hundreds of Veterans Law Judges, attorneys and professional administrative staff in issuing quality and timely Board decisions.

In 2006, Ms. Osborne was appointed by VA Secretary Jim Nicholson as a Veterans Law Judge, with the approval of President George W. Bush. Ms. Osborne's responsibilities included presiding over hearings and independently reviewing, and issuing, appellate decisions for the Secretary of VA. As a Chief Veteran's Law Judge in 2008, she managed a team of approximately 50 attorneys and judges in deciding appeals.

Ms. Osborne's motivational leadership style is a blend of optimism and excellence, and this ethic permeates her ability to build highly productive teams which enhance the lives of Veterans. She is a proud recipient of the 2019 "Gears of Government Award," which she received from VA Secretary Robert L. Wilkie. Her dedication to working with Veterans is rooted in gratitude for their sacrifices.

Ms. Osborne is an active member of the Virginia State Bar. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and later attained a Juris Doctor from Wake Forest University School of Law.



Joann J. Hill

Chief,
Office of Business Development
U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

Ms. Joann J. Hill, a native of Columbia, South Carolina is presently serving as the Chief of the Office of Business Development for the United States Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), she leads the Office of Business Development and has oversight of this division. She has served at MBDA for two decades. As federal program officer, she leads the nationwide network of 75 MBDA Business Centers, programs and initiatives including export centers, advanced manufacturing centers, federal procurement center, enterprising women of color, Equity Multiplier, Entrepreneurship for the Formerly Incarcerated, Minority Serving Colleges and Universities, and American Indian Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian programs. She is responsible for strategies, programs and initiatives that support the growth and global competitiveness of women and minority-owned businesses in the areas of contracts, financing, domestic and global supply chains. These programs resulted in \$8 billion in awarded transactions for MBDA clients in FY20.

Additionally, Ms. Hill has served as Acting National Field Director for the U.S. Commercial Service (CS), International Trade Administration (ITA), U.S. Department of Commerce. In this role, she had oversight of the U.S. Field to lead 106 U.S. Export Assistance Centers (USEAC). She provided strategic direction and communication of strategy and priorities to all staff in the U.S. field.

Ms. Hill also served as Senior Policy Advisor on the ITA Federal and State Export Promotion Strategic Plan that is now institutionalized and has worked with the ITA Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, SelectUSA, CS field and headquarters staff on various export promotion and FDI initiatives over the past two decades.

Prior to joining MBDA she worked in the areas of operations management, banking, and finance.

Ms. Hill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Benedict College; Master of Business Administration degree from Emory University, Goizueta Business School; and is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Fellows Program. She is a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES).



Tommy L. Marks

Vice President/Director
Virginia, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

Mr. Marks serves as the Director for the Department Commerce's Virginia Minority Business Development Agency Business Center, operated by the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council. Responsible for managing relationships and sources of deals by promoting the interests of MBEs; educating MBEs on the benefits of strategic growth alternatives (e.g., mergers, acquisitions, and/or joint ventures); and providing service referrals to MBEs of all sizes. He served as the Director of the MBDA Federal Procurement Center, operated by the Capital Region Minority Supplier Development Council August 2019-July 2021. Under his leadership the Center was recognized as an award-winning MBDA Century Club center, with over \$20.3 billion in contracts awarded servicing 1,313 clients, resulting in 1,494 jobs created and 1,319 jobs retained.

Mr. Marks, is a retired member of the Army's Senior Executive Service and the former Director of the Army Small Business Programs Office for the Secretary of the Army, serving during the period of 19 April 2015 to 30 September 2018. Prior to serving as a civil servant, Mr. Marks served 24 years in the Army as an Infantry and Aviation Officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel September 2001.



Larry Stubblefield

Associate Administrator,
Office of Veterans Business Development
U.S. Small Business Administration

Mr. Larry Stubblefield is the Associate Administrator for the Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). In this role, Mr. Stubblefield oversees the OVBD team in formulating, implementing, administering, and promoting policies and programs that equip veterans, service members (active duty, National Guard, Reserve), and military spouse-owned small businesses with counseling and education, access to capital, and contracting

opportunities.

Mr. Stubblefield joined the SBA in 2016, serving as the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights, and most recently as the Acting Associate Administrator for OVBD. Prior to the SBA, he held numerous leadership positions with the US Army, including Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Diversity and Leadership and Functional Chief Representative for the Army's Equal Employment Opportunity Career Program.

Mr. Stubblefield has first-hand military experience, having served 30 years as an enlisted soldier and active-duty officer in the US Army. In 2005, he retired from the military as a Colonel and was appointed to the Senior Executive Service. He holds an MBA from the University of Tennessee and a BS in Business Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



Scott Semple

Founder/Managing Partner
NewTHINK Solutions
GovCon Growth & Federal Procurement Advisor | M&A & Transaction Advisory
Services | Veteran & Small Business Set-Aside Programs Specialist | Corporate
Development

Scott is Founder and Managing Partner at NewTHINK Solutions, a DC Metro based small business growth consulting and M&A advisory firm. Scott brings 25+ years of knowledge and experience in business strategy and operations in the Federal government marketplace.

Scott has served as a senior business executive, entrepreneur, technologist, and strategic advisor to Federal and commercial clients globally. Scott also serves as Director – National Events & Training for the National Veteran Small Business Coalition (NVSBC.org), the nation's largest not for profit organization dedicated to advancing business opportunities for Veteran entrepreneurs serving as federal government contractors.

Scott received a BS from Cornell University and an MS in Finance from Johns Hopkins University where he served as Faculty Member and Board Advisor for over 20 years.



Barbara Ashe

National Director,
Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP)

Ms. Ashe is the President of the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation (MCCCCF) and serves as the National Director of the Veteran Institute for Procurement. She is also the Executive Vice President at the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC).

As President of the Foundation, Ms. Ashe launched the Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP) in 2009 and oversees strategic development of the program, manages a dedicated team of professionals in executing the program that now trains 350 veteran owned small business a year nationwide on how to accelerate their success in the federal marketplace.

Ms. Ashe also manages the MCCCCF Board of Directors. She attends and is often asked to speak at national conferences about the VIP program. The U.S. Small Business Administration honored Ms. Ashe with the Veteran Small Business Advocate of the Year Award in 2011, and the Director's Award in 2020. The National Veteran-Owned Business Association honored her in 2017 with the Veterans Business Advocate of the Year award.

In her capacity as Executive Vice President, Barbara oversees the GovConNet Council and GovConNet Committee and works closely with the President in the strategic development of the Chamber's programs, events, Board of Directors, and overall management of the organization.

Ms. Ashe has a 24-year history of successful business management/development as well as strategic/operational planning. Well-respected in the public and private sector, she has an exceptional resolve to maintain professional integrity in all areas of responsibility and is able to form long-term productive relationships. She is adept at the development and review of complex budgets. A mission-oriented problem-solver, Ms. Ashe brings a creative and pragmatic approach to her work for the betterment of the organization and community's she serves. Earlier in her career she was the Baltimore Area Manager at the Burroughs Corporation, which after its purchase of Sperry became the Unisys Corporation.



Richard Ezike

Program Communications Specialist
Joint Office of Energy and Transportation

Richard Ezike is currently a Program Communications Specialist at the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, where he will be helping with stakeholder engagement and outreach with a focus on equity, environmental justice, and workforce development around the electrification of transportation. The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation supports the deployment of zero-emission, convenient, accessible, equitable transportation infrastructure—coordinating and leveraging activities between the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Prior to the Joint Office, Richard has worked for CHPlanning Ltd., the Urban Institute, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. He has advised on transportation issues for federal agencies such as the Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency; and for organizations such as the Transportation Research Board, Smart Growth America, the Greenlining Institute, Securing America's Future Energy, and the State Innovation Exchange.

Dr. Ezike holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and a B.S. in chemical engineering from North Carolina State University.



Keith Boyea

Director, Contracts and Awards
U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED)

Keith Boyea serves as the Director, Contracts & Awards for the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED). In his role, he is responsible for planning, soliciting, awarding, and administering contracts and financial assistance instruments to carry out OCED's \$20B portfolio of demonstration projects. Boyea joined OCED in August 2022.

Boyea has more than 20 years of experience in contracts and awards. Most recently, he was the Head of Contracting Activity at the National Science Foundation where he oversaw contracts and cooperative agreements for NSF's Major Research Facilities, including Antarctic science operations. Prior to NSF, Boyea worked at the Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) where he supported FRA's research and development efforts. Boyea is an Air Force veteran with deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Boyea has an M.S. from Georgetown University and a B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy. He lives with his wife, Nicole, in Washington, DC.



Cassandra McGee Stuart

Manager, Strategy and Performance Contracts Division
Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)

Dr. Cassandra McGee Stuart is Manager of the Small Business Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). She leads an award-winning program of advocacy, outreach, and small business utilization for the Laboratory. ORNL has won several awards for its commitment to small businesses, including the Department of Energy OSDBU Director's Excellence Award and a veteran's enterprise award from the National Veteran Small Business Coalition. She also received the DOE Small Business Program Manager of the Year Award.

Stuart began her career in television news broadcasting, working as producer at CNN-Headline News, and as a reporter and anchor for WBIR-TV. She later moved to public and government relations at the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership and was Director and Vice President of Business Development at two area firms. She also owned a small consulting business.

Stuart is a graduate of Leadership Knoxville and serves on the boards of the East Tennessee Foundation, Emerald Youth Foundation, Legacy Parks, as well as the City of Knoxville's Diversity Business Advisory Committee. Stuart was on the Knox County Election Commission for 15 years. She holds an undergraduate degree from UT Knoxville, a Master's from Colorado State University, and a Doctorate of Business Administration from Lincoln Memorial University.



Kortni L. Nevins

Certified Professional Contracts Manager
Group Manager, Facilities and Site Services,
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Kortni Nevins has 20 years of government contracting experience, purchasing construction services, commercial-off-the-shelf items, research and development materials, and other specialized professional services. She has worked for an Alaska 8(a) firm, the National Park Service, General Services Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the National Business Center, and is now the construction contracting group manager for NREL (FFRDC). Currently, Kortni is

managing the growing research infrastructure needs on NREL's campuses while trying to navigate the ever-changing supply chain challenges caused by the pandemic. She hopes to utilize the small business market to meet NREL's growing needs.



Eric Lochhausen

Supplier Diversity Advocate
Supply Chain Risk Management & Supplier Diversity Department
Sandia National Laboratories (SNL)

Eric is a Supplier Diversity Advocate for Sandia National Laboratories. His current position at Sandia has him reaching out to small businesses to ensure they have maximum practicable opportunity to do business with Sandia. He is the program lead for Sandia's Small Business Steering Committee. The goal of the committee is to increase small business utilization, exceed negotiated small business goals in Sandia's prime contract requirements, and build confidence with stakeholders. This is accomplished by executive leadership's commitment to the small business.

Eric has been active in Procurement, Supply Chain and Production for the last 29 years while working at Motorola/CTS, Emcore and Sandia Labs. His roles have ranged from Buyer to Production and Material Planner to Supplier Diversity Advocate.

Eric received a BBA degree with a concentration in Production and Operations Management and an MBA with a concentration in Management of Technology from the University of New Mexico.