



**THE SOCIETY of AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS
NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

November 10, 2003

VIA FAX & US MAIL

The Honorable George W. Bush
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing you today to recognize the extraordinary efforts of Lt. General Robert B. Flowers, Commander and Chief of Engineers of the US Army Corps of Engineers, in his stewardship and support of small business programs within the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.

General Flowers has been an outspoken, active participant in elevating the cause of small business owners and in supporting and strengthening the role that small businesses play in supporting our nations infrastructure and security policies. During his tenure as President of the Society of American Military Engineers, he was instrumental in the formation of a Small Business Committee within SAME, (the first ever dedicated to small business in the Society's 110 year history) which was created to promote the positive impacts that small business have in working with the agencies of the DoD. The committee also provides technical training and assistance to member small businesses, further strengthening the overall perception of member organizations to the special concerns and issues relative to small businesses.

As the Commanding General for the US Army Corps of Engineers, General Flowers has always been considered by his constituents as "Pro Small Business." During his command, Corps spending with small businesses and achievement in meeting small business goals has been driven by his positive reinforcement. As you know, when small businesses win new work, they hire and grow which directly and positively impacts the local economies and regions served and furthers your call to arms to support new jobs and grow the economy.

Just this past week, the US Army Corps of Engineers, in concert with the US Army and the Coalition Provisional Authority have taken enormous steps to partner to provide opportunity for small businesses to participate in CPA contracts during the CPA's industry day being



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held in conjunction with the Corp's own scheduled annual Small Business Conference November 17 - 19, 2003 in Arlington, VA. This unprecedented strategic forum brings together senior Corps commands, and the businesses (large and small) that serve them providing a perfect opportunity to recognize General Flowers for his efforts, while serving as a fitting backdrop for the new heights that small business has reached.

In these tangible ways, General Flowers has had an exponentially positive impact to the perception, growth and achievements of small business involvement, not just within his own organization, but with companies and agencies across the board that serve the federal government. It is our hope that your administration will concur and find it appropriate to recognize General Flowers for his efforts.

On behalf of the Society of American Military Engineers, Small Business Committee we applaud the efforts of General Flowers and your administration for the combined effect that he, and your administration have had on the face of small business in America today.

Very Truly,

**The Society of American Military Engineers
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