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Mr. Denniston:

Thank you for your September 19, 2014, letter requesting a copy of our current strategy for insuring compliance with Executive Order 13360, “Providing Opportunities for Service Disabled Veteran Businesses to Increase Their Federal Contracting and Subcontracting”. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is committed to providing contracting opportunities for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) in furtherance of this Executive Order. According to preliminary numbers, in FY 2014 EPA awarded 5.36% of the Agency’s $1.4 billion in contract awards to SDVOSB firms. Moreover, the Agency has demonstrated a vigorous commitment to the SDVOSB program by meeting the SBA statutory goal of 3% for SDVOSBs for the last eight years.

Attached is the EPA action plan for the SDVOSB program strategy. As you know, small businesses are the heart of the American economy, and SDVOSBs have proven that they can be, and are successful in every level of government contracting. If you have any questions please contact me or Lamont Norwood directly at 202-566-2075. Again thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Program Strategy

1. Periodically meet with veteran trade organizations, i.e. Vets Force, to exchange information, data, success stories, etc.

2. Identify procurements for the SDVOSB program (sole source or competitive), in accordance with FAR 19.14 and 13 CFR 125.18 and 125.19.

3. Emphasize SDVOSB contracting tools during acquisition forecast meetings with each program office and region, leading to increased SDVOSB projects in the Agency’s procurement forecast.

4. Annually host a SDVOSB Small Business Counseling Session in November in conjunction with Veterans Day.

5. Participate in SDVOSB events hosted by other federal agencies and associations.

6. Actively Include SDVOSB firms in OSBP’s monthly “Coffee and Small Talk” contractor outreach and training sessions.

7. Continue to include the SDVOSB subcontracting goal in the technical evaluation of prime contractor’s subcontracting proposals.

8. Actively seek SDVOSBs from GSA’s Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) when using the FSS in accordance with FAR 8.405-5(b).

9. Appoint an Agency SDVOSB Program Manager within the Office of Small Business Programs to ensure the success of the SDVOSB Program (current appointee: Lamont Norwood).

10. Promote the use of all available SDVOSB databases for market research and assist the Agency in market research to identify SDVOSB firms.

11. Inclusion of SDVOSB goaling language in all EPA Senior Executive’s performance and appraisal plans.