



## **U. S. MARINE CORPS SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM AWARDS**

**October 2005**

### **FY2005**

MCRD Parris Island received the "Business Partnership Award" by the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Association in special recognition for outstanding achievements in providing employment opportunities for citizens with disabilities through contracts for wooden footlockers and target rails.

### **FY2004**

USMC, I&L received the Secretary's Award for DoN Outstanding Small Business Program for FY 2004 in recognition of exemplary achievements in small and disadvantaged business utilization.

The "National Institute for the Severely Handicapped (NISH) President's Award" recognizes individuals or organizations that display outstanding support in creating or providing employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities through the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Program. In fiscal year 2004, with the help of dedicated individuals and organizations, the JWOD Program was successful in creating meaningful employment for more than 45,000 people who are blind or have other severe disabilities. The NISH President's Award was presented to Sodexo, Inc. (prime contractor for USMC Regional Garrison Food Service) by Bob Chamberlin, President and CEO of NISH, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating employment opportunities for people with severe disabilities through the JWOD Program by identifying federal contracts for its network of community-based, nonprofit agencies. These increased employment opportunities are a direct result of subcontracting requirements included in the USMC Regional Garrison Food Service Contracts (East Coast & West Coast).

MCB Hawaii received the "Small Business Administration (SBA) Outstanding Contract Support & Utilization of the 8(a) Program Award (Hawaii District)". The award was presented for extraordinary support of SBA-certified 8(a) firms through awarding the highest percentage of contracts to different 8(a) firms.

### **FY2003**

The Marine Corps received the fiscal year 2003 "Rear Admiral Christian J. Peoples Award" for demonstrating effective initiatives in support of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act. This award was presented to Headquarters, United States Marine Corps for its outstanding efforts providing jobs to severely disabled Americans in the food service operations at USMC mess halls located on the East Coast. The Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Handicapped nominated the Marine Corps for the addition of labor resulting from the subcontracting requirements on the USMC Regional Garrison Food Service Contract (East Coast). The award was given by the Secretary of the Navy.

### **FY2002**

The Marine Corps received the fiscal year 2002 "Rear Admiral Christian J. Peoples Award" for support of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act. The Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Handicapped nominated the Marine Corps for the addition of labor resulting from contracts awarded for Infantry Combat Equipment. The award was given by the Secretary of the Navy to the Marine Corps Systems Command.

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