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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Vendor Outreach Workshop for Small Businesses in Georgia of the United States**

**AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior**

**ACTION: Notice**

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**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior is hosting a Vendor Outreach Workshop for small businesses in the Southeast region of the United States that are interested in doing business with the Department. This outreach workshop will review market contracting opportunities for the attendees. Business owners will be able to share their individual perspectives with Contracting Officers, Program Managers and Small Business Specialists from the Department.

**DATE:** The workshop will be held on April 8, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Georgia Tech Research Institute Conference Center, 250 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. For registration information, please call (404) 679-4146 or email [Nijua\\_heard@fws.gov](mailto:Nijua_heard@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nijua Heard, Small Business Specialist/Contract Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 4, Atlanta, GA 30345, telephone (404) 679-4146.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the Small Business Act, as amended by P.L. 95-507, the Department has the responsibility to promote the use of small and small disadvantaged business for its acquisition of goods and services. The Department is proud of its accomplishments in meeting its business goals for small, small disadvantaged, 8(a), woman-owned, HUBZone, and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses. In Fiscal Year 2012, the Department awarded over 50 per cent of its \$2.7 billion in contracts to small businesses and in Fiscal Year 2011 also awarded over 50 percent of its \$2.7 billion in contracts to small businesses.

This fiscal year, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is reaching out to our internal stakeholders and the Department's small business community by conducting several vendor outreach workshops. The Department's presenters will focus on contracting and subcontracting opportunities and how small businesses can better market services and products. Over 3,000 small businesses have been targeted for this event. If you are a small business interested in working with the Department, we urge you to register online at:

<https://www.fbo.gov> and attend the workshop.

These outreach events are a new and exciting opportunity for the Department's bureaus and offices to improve their support for small business. Additional scheduled events are posted on the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization website at [www.doi.gov/osdbu](http://www.doi.gov/osdbu).

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