Small Business Council

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Small Business Council Chair 2015 - 2017
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Mission

Improve opportunities for the small business community through training, outreach, and networking. Assist entrepreneurs and small business owners to navigate the small business programs available; such as 8(a), HUBZone, SDVOSB, WOSB.
Small Business Council Organizational Structure

Past Chair
Gita Murthy

Council Chair
Clarence McAllister

Secretary
TBD

Chair Elect
TBD

Vice Chair Communications
Jayla Pine

ROLE
Coordinates public relations and informational outreach for Council activities. Communicates web content for SAME website to SAME HQ and assists in supporting editorial content on Small Business matters to SAME publications.

Vice Chair Recognition
Layli Pietri

ROLE
Promotes the recognition of Small Businesses through the Society, Region and Post awards programs.

Vice Chair Education & Training
Jodi Vaccaro

ROLE
Develops session topics and speakers for programs in support of Small Business topics and initiatives. Informs Council on trends and tracks data on Small Business issues through the use of surveys, emails and other research formats.

Vice Chair Conferences
Ryan Wasmus

ROLE
Coordinates and develops support for the annual SAME conferences, including speakers, sessions and general support of Small Business opportunity during conference events.
Advocating small business technical tracks at the annual SAME Joint Education and Training Conference & Expo

Providing a small business networking both at the SAME Joint Education and Training Conference & Expo for firms and procurement specialists to meet and talk

Recognizing local Posts for their contributions to and support of small business firms

Providing insight and recommendations for overcoming bonding and insurance constraints through participation in bonding and insurance round tables

Increasing the number of articles in *The Military Engineer* written by small business firms
2015-2016 Goals

- Continue to update the small business community with regulations and legislative changes via newsletters, social media, and webinars
- Continue to connect SAME’s small business community with government and large business
- Continue to provide opportunities for relevant education and training through the use of webinars, industry days, and conferences
2015-2016 Work Plan

- Continue to publish quarterly newsletters via emailed, uploaded to the same.org website, and published via LinkedIn
- 2015 Small Business Conference
  November 4-6 at the New Orleans Convention Center, New Orleans, La.
- Webinars are conducted monthly on a variety of topics. A schedule of available courses can be accessed on the SAME website and will be listed in the quarterly newsletter
Summary

We are committed to remaining actively engaged with the small business community to ensure tools and resources are available to ensure success.

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