

DAF Small Business Programs 2022 Vanguard Award Winner

Arlington, Va. (April 20, 2023) – “It is with great honor we share a recent recognition of the exemplary contributions and commitment to excellence of the Department of Air Force (DAF) Small Business Team, comprised of senior leaders, the acquisition workforce, and small business professionals,” said Scott Kiser, Director of Small Business Programs, Department of the Air Force.

The Department of Defense has selected the Department of the Air Force Office of Small Business as the winner of the 2022 Vanguard Award. The Vanguard Award recognizes the DoD Component that best exemplifies a commitment to small business industrial base competitiveness.

The combined efforts of leaders and acquisition professionals at all levels DAF-wide demonstrated diligence in policy, advocacy, and execution of Small Business strategic objectives. The DAF awarded a record \$15.58 billion prime small business contracts during Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 due to the dedicated efforts of countless men and women supporting the DAF Small Business Program. This achievement surpasses the FY21 record by \$400 Million, marking the third consecutive year the DAF has increased prime contracting obligations.

Additionally, the Revolutionary Leadership of the Year Award is given to an individual DOD Small Business professional who advocates for the inclusion of small business participation, responds to challenges with inventive solutions, brings innovation to the DOD through small business utilization and demonstrates strong leadership abilities. Ms. Myaleca R. Malone, Small Business Professional at the 763rd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron (AFMC) is the winner of the DoD FY 2022 Revolutionary Leadership Award.

“The Vanguard Award and the Revolutionary Leadership of the year Award signify a commitment to excellence by the entire Air Force Team.” said Mr. Kiser. “These awards signify the dedication and professionalism by every member of the Air Force and Space Force small business community.” he said.

Any inquiries regarding this recognition should be sent to SAF/SB Workflow at SAF.SB.workflow@us.af.mil.