

## ***Department of Energy - Small Business Conference***

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is hosting its Third Annual DOE-Wide Small Business Conference in Orlando, Florida on May 19-22, 2002 at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort and Conference Center. The theme for the conference is: "Roadmap to Government Contracting: Equipping You for the Journey." The theme expresses the Department desire to not only increase contracting opportunities, but also to increase customer satisfaction in the small business community through new and improved methods of interaction with small businesses and through enhanced program initiatives. Fourteen (14) Federal Government Agencies are partnering with DOE to host this conference (DOD, HHS, DOT, State, HUD, DOC, Interior, Army, EPA, NSA, Treasury, SBA, GSA, DOA, ).

Attending the conference will be a one-stop opportunity to discuss your capability with a large number of Procurement and Technical personnel, as well as Small Business Program Managers from several government agencies and their prime contractors. The focus is to provide better procurement tools to assist small businesses and make the overall system more user friendly to the small business community.

Web site <http://www.smallbusiness-outreach.doe.gov/annual> contains all the information about the Conference. If interested in attending, please be sure to register both on line and at the hotel before 19 April 2002.

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