



SMALL BUSINESS COVID-19 RESOURCES

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Ways We Are Rising Up Together- Stronger

Rising Up in Appreciation of YOU

Thanks to *your* efforts, we've maintained our operations and we're meeting the critical needs of our customers, despite the significant challenges of the COVID-19 crisis. In recent days, some of our top customers have made their appreciation more public – below is what is being said about our industry's focus and sustained performance.

Top Leaders at the Pentagon Recognize our Efforts

This past weekend, Hon. Ryan D. McCarthy, Secretary of the Army posted a [video](#) which expresses appreciation for small businesses and your contribution during this time. In his Facebook post, he stated, "Thank you to our small business partners and the progress you continue to make during these unprecedented times. Together, we will defeat the #COVID19 and ensure we have a force ready to defend the Nation".

Last week, U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper [wrote a letter](#) to the workforce of our nation's defense industrial base. He said, "Your commitment has allowed the Department of Defense to not only sustain readiness, but also move forward with modernization...You are engaged in a critical mission, and thanks to your efforts, we will carry on supporting the warfighter, as well as our allies and partners, in the midst of a global health crisis."

Sec. Esper added that "I have spoken with the President, as well as numerous state and local leaders, and they praise your hard work, sacrifice, and positive mindset...Each of you play a crucial part in the fight against COVID-19 and in maintaining the winning spirit across the supply chain."

In a prior [video](#) address, Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy once again spoke on the importance of your work, "The Army and industry have long stood shoulder to shoulder throughout our nation's history – particularly in times of peril." He then compared the challenges presented by COVID-19 to the industrial challenges and need to mobilize during World War I and World War II. The key to success in all of those efforts, Sec. McCarthy said, was the outstanding men and women in the U.S. workforce.

Resource Spotlight

Navy Webinar

On May 13, Lockheed Martin hosted a webinar with the Navy for small business suppliers. Suppliers had the rare opportunity to ask questions and hear from Mr. Jimmy Smith, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of the Navy to discuss COVID-19 impacts and how the US Navy is operating and supporting small businesses during these unprecedented times.

As the webinar verified there is no impact from COVID-19 on the Navy's small business focus in support of the warfighter, the attendees took the opportunity to learn how to best align with the Navy's near-term and long-term needs.

[View the recorded webinar](#)

More Ways to Rise

New Small Business Webinar

In our effort to provide opportunities for our small business suppliers to connect with key government agencies and industry affiliation partners, the following is an opportunity you don't want to miss.

Rebecca E. Weirick
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement

Kimberly Buehler
Director, Office of Small Business Programs from the Department of the Army

May 21, 2020
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. EDT
[Register Here](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Will the upcoming Navy Gold Coast Small Business procurement event still occur given COVID-19?

As Mr. Jimmy D. Smith, Director, Office of Small Business Programs for the Navy stated on the May 13 Lockheed Martin Rise Up webinar, the Navy is fully open for business. As of now, the Department of the Navy is still planning for the [Gold Coast Small Business procurement event](#) to take place in San Diego, Aug 31 – Sept 2 using social distancing best practices.

Do you have any additional questions? [Contact us.](#)



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