

June 25, 2008

## **DOE Announces Small Business Awards at its Annual Small Business Conference in San Antonio, Texas**

### **STTR Small Business of the Year**

At the U. S. Department of Energy, Ninth Annual Small Business Conference, held in San Antonio, Texas, June 25, 2008, an award was presented for STTR Small Business of the year to SABIA, Inc., San Diego, California. This award was determined by the SBIR/STTP program manager.

This award recognizes a firm that exemplifies the spirit of DOE's Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR); thus, strengthening and expanding competitiveness of U.S. small high technology research and development business in the federal marketplace. This award was received by Clinton L. Lingren, president of SABIA, Inc.





## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 14, 2008

Mr. Clinton L. Lingren  
President  
SABIA, Inc.  
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San Diego, CA 92111

Dear Clint:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), I would like to congratulate you and SABIA, Inc. on being named "2008 STTR Small Business of the Year."

Small businesses are leaders of innovation and creativity. Businesses, like yours, create two-thirds of the net new jobs in our economy, employ half of all private-sector workers, and continue to be the engine that drives our economy.

It is not often enough, that we are able to recognize the achievements of our small business partners. Your strong work ethic and commitment to providing timely deliverables and quality services enables the Department to complete its ever important mission of safeguarding our Nation's resources.

Thank you for being a leader in the small business community and an important member of the DOE family. It has been a pleasure serving as OSDBU, Director these past seven years. Knowing that our efforts have increased small business participation from \$500 million in 2000 to \$1.2 billion in 2007 warms my heart and justifies all the hardships along the way. Together we have made significant strides in realigning the mindset of those that felt small business could not compete in the DOE contracting arena. We have opened doors for those small businesses that would have otherwise turned away from Federal contracting.

I wish you the best of luck and continued success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Alvillar-Speake".

Theresa Alvillar-Speake

Director

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business  
Utilization