# Contractor's Perspective on Contracting

## Creating a 'WIN, WIN, WIN' Strategy

WIN for the Customer
WIN for the Prime
WIN for the Subcontractor

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### THE 'BE' RULES OF SUCCESS

- Be STRATEGIC
- Be the DIFFERENCE
- Be CONNECTED
- Be RESPONSIVE
- Be the P's
  - Patience
  - Persistent
  - Polite
  - Past Performance

#### Be STRATEGIC

- Do your Research
  - Know CMS
  - Understand how to navigate the internal decision making structure
  - Review the budget priorities and cycles
  - Understand the macro environment
  - Establish a meaningful Brand. Be the "PREFERRED" difference in the marketplace.
  - Know your competitors.

## 'Be' the DIFFERENCE

- Be THE BEST team player
  - When a prime, be THE BEST prime. Play fairly with the sub.
  - When a sub, be THE BEST. Support the prime.
  - Focus on serving the customer FIRST.
- When meeting with Government staff focus on:
  - Saving Money
  - Solving a Problem Focus on Results and Solution-based Outcomes
  - Providing New Technology Think technology enhancements

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## 'Be' the DIFFERENCE

- Educate CMS staff:
- What kind of organization are you? 8(A), HUBZONE, ETC
- What contract vehicles your company has?
- How the vehicles work?

#### Be CONNECTED

- Stay fresh and relevant of the industry market drivers
- Maintain up-to-date leads on industry changes, external market drivers, trends, policies
- Be easy to work with. Be Personally
   Accessible. Be Present when needed. Attend conferences and network events.

#### Be RESPONSIVE

Follow up and Follow through-Own the responsibility to follow-up

'If it is going to be its up to me'

- Ensure Timely responses-calls emails etc
- Under Promise & Over Deliver

# Magic P's for Small Business



**PATIENCE** - Who is the right person to contact

**PERSISTENT** - Be persistent in a professional way

**POLITE** - The words "Thank You" can carry a lot of weight

**PAST PERFORMANCE** – Develop past performance that you can be proud of

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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