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Million dollar breakfast for million dollar efforts

DALLAS – For the first time in its history, seven Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) buyers and a Senior Traffic Analyst from Logistics are being recognized for purchasing \$1 million or more in goods and services from minority and women-owned businesses. The honor, sponsored by the Dallas Regional Minority Business Development Agency, is awarded to public and private buyers and procurement contractors at the annual Million Dollar Roundtable Breakfast.

“AAFES serves a diverse military community so it is only fitting that its suppliers mirror that mix,” said AAFES Director of Diversity Office Jeanne McDonald. “Being recognized for the first time by a local organization for strides made in diversity buying is a tremendous achievement.”

The recognized employees include Stef Curtis, Jacquie Paterick, Judith Cerven, Rosemarie Brady, Yolanda Thursby, Deborah Ferreris, Pamela Thompson and Dave Bittick. They represent a variety of categories within AAFES’ Sales Directorate, from clothing and accessories to vacuum cleaners and books.

“AAFES buyers work tirelessly to ensure the right product is available at the right time and at the right price for military service members and their families around the world,” said AAFES Senior Vice President of the Sales Directorate Maggie Burgess. “Leveraging partnerships with minority and women-owned businesses helps us to further enhance the exchange benefit military families have come to depend on.”

The Million Dollar Roundtable Breakfast will be held at Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas, Texas, Aug. 25.

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The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is a joint command of the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, and is directed by a Board of Directors who is responsible to the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force through the Service Chiefs of Staff. AAFES has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and of generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs. To find out more about AAFES' history and mission or to view recent press releases please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

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