

## **AAFES Helps Make a World of Difference through Supplier Diversity Commitment**

**DALLAS** – A total of 16 Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s buyers/contracting officers are being recognized for purchasing \$1 million or more in goods and services from minority and women-owned business. The honor, sponsored by the Dallas Regional Minority Business Development Agency, is bestowed to public and private buyers and procurement contractors at the Million Dollar Roundtable Breakfast.

With purchases of at least \$1 million throughout the last year with diverse firms, the following buyers and contracting officers are helping diversity make a world of difference: Debbie Ferreris, Dave Bittick, Ray Downs, Vivian King, Michael McMichael, Ken Warden, Kevin Cantrell, Juanita , Yvette Adams, Kathy Wulff, Nancy Evans, Bridget MacFawn, Lorena Tees ,Ginger Cooke, Pamela Thompson and Laura Calandria.

Operating in more than 30 countries across the globe, in communities both large and small, the AAFES customer base encompasses a multitude of lifestyles, needs and desires. AAFES serves a diverse customer base of military families and strives to make its products and services mirror Armed Forces’ demographics through buying and contracting.

“We are committed as an organization to support diverse business opportunities within the communities we serve,” says AAFES Vice President of Corporate Procurement Paul Riese. “Leveraging partnerships with minority, women-owned, and disabled veteran-owned businesses helps AAFES to further enhance the exchange benefit military families have come to depend on.”

AAFES has been recognized by DiversityBusiness.com as one of America’s top organizations for multicultural business opportunities and by Hispanic Trends magazine as one of the Top 50 Corporations for Supplier Diversity. These recognitions prove AAFES’ leadership commitment to growth in supplier diversity initiatives.

The Million Dollar Roundtable Breakfast will be held at Hyatt Regency in downtown Dallas, Texas on August 28.