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AAFES' Supplier Diversity Commitment Recognized for Million Dollar Efforts

DALLAS – For the third consecutive year, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) recognized buyers and contractors from the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) who purchased \$1 million or more in goods and services from minority and women-owned businesses. The honor was bestowed to the public and private buyers and procurement contractors at yesterday's Million Dollar Roundtable Breakfast in Dallas, TX.

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“Due to the fact that AAFES serves such a diverse military community, we certainly want our products and services to mirror that demographic,” said AAFES Director of Diversity Jeanne McDonald. “This is accomplished through buying and contracting with diverse suppliers and, as a result, 17 AAFES buyers and contractors were honored for their efforts.”

Recognized AAFES associates included: Bryan Moon, Chris Tyler, Christine Brown-Brezina, David (Kye) Corn, Deborah Ferreris, Deborah Gow, Heather Martinez, James Trussell II, Janie Stolz, Lisa Lamers, Michael McDonald, Michelle Blake, Mitchell Burnett, Paul Atherton, Paul Olney Jr., Bridget MacFawn and Robert Dunnaway.

The AAFES Supplier Diversity Program has been in existence for more than 20 years and serves as a catalyst to ensure that maximum opportunity to participate in the procurement process is provided to all firms looking to sell to AAFES. AAFES sources a diverse array of products and services to support more than 3,100 facilities worldwide.

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The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is a joint command and is directed by a Board of Directors which 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 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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