### RDECOM Natick Soldier System Center Natick, MA

Opening in 1953, Natick Laboratories, and its many namesakes throughout the years, has served as the research and development center for the Army soldier.

Located in Natick, Mass, central to New England's science and academic community.



#### Cheryl DeLuca Chief, Natick Contracting Division

The Natick Contracting Division (NCD) is a full service contracting organization managing integrated acquisition including services, supplies and research and development

### Mission:

In general terms: "Anything a Soldier wears, carries, eats, or lives in..." falls within our purview. When you see a soldier in the field, everything from helmet to boots, ballistic protection, shelter systems and parachutes were originally researched, developed, and acquired through the efforts of the Natick Soldier System Center and Natick Contracting Division.

#### Who do we support? The Soldier.

Major Organizations Include:

Natick Soldier Center (NSC)

Program Executive Office - Soldier

PM Force Sustainment Systems (PM-FSS)

PM Special Operations Forces Survival Systems (PM-SOF)

United States Marine Corps

Integrated Logistic Support Center (ILSC)

Naval Health Research Center (NHRC)

Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense

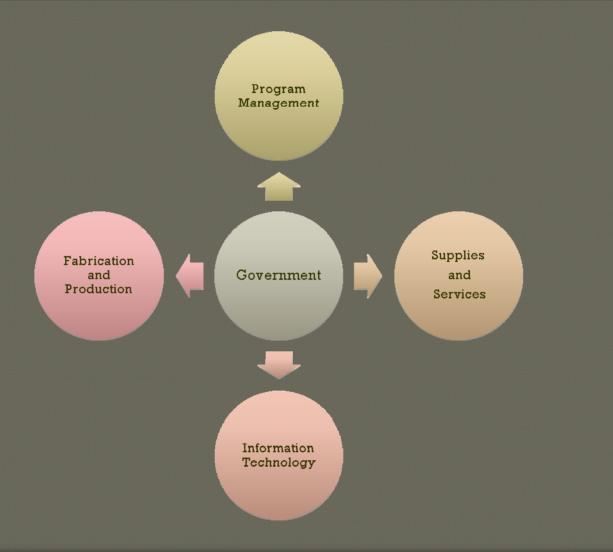
Joint Program Executive Office for Individual Protection

Army Combat Readiness Center (CRC) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Installation Management Command (IMCOM) -) Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (ARIEM) US Coast Guard

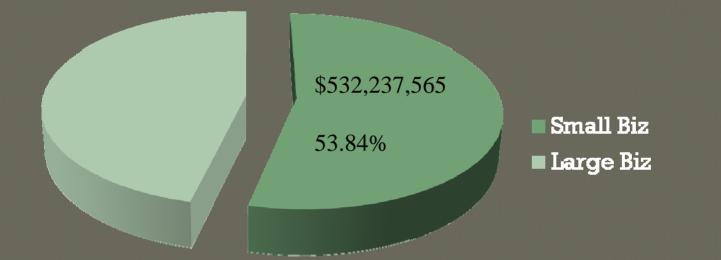
### **Small Business and Government**

- Do not underestimate your business
- The U. S. Army outsources a wide variety of skill sets to small business.
- Small Business can get more than just left-overs
- Small Business brings the advantage of flexibility and affordability commensurate with its size.
  Direct participation in the partnership

# Variety of Opportunities



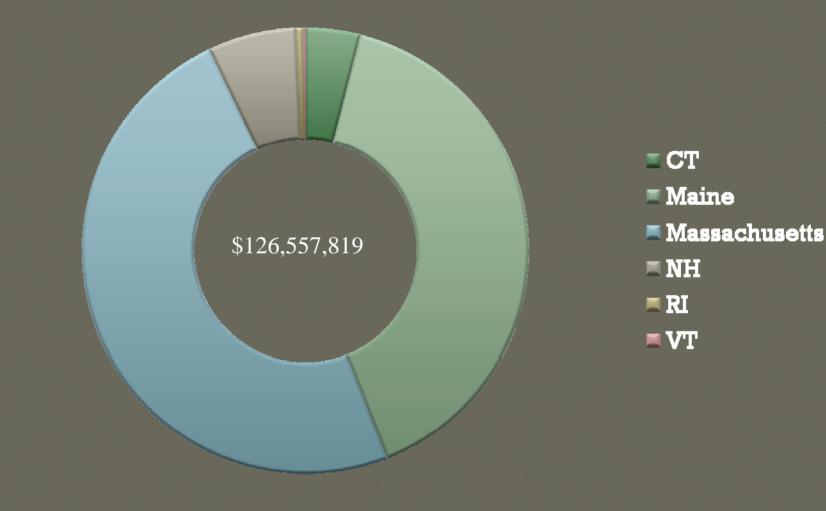
### FY08 awards to small business



FY08 small business awards for New England: \$126,557,819

NCD exceeded the U. S. Army FY08 goals by 11%

### FY08 Small Business Awards for New England



### **Showcasing Small Business**

SYSTEM: Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS)

**Business: Atlantic Diving Supply Co.** 

5-Year Program Value \$707 Million

Insulated layering system Fleece shirts and pants Silk-weight undergarments



## **Showcasing Small Business**

#### **SYSTEM:** The Large Area Maintenance Shelter (LAMS)

**Business: Clamshell Structures** 

5-Year Program Value \$87.2 Million

Semi-mobile shelter platform system supporting aviation and ground combat vehicles





## Participation

#### SYSTEM: The Joint Precision Airdrop System (JPADS)

#### Businesses: Airborne Systems (LB) S.E., Inc. (SB) Para-Flite (LB)

5-Year Program Value \$116.4 Million 10k and 2k configurations This is a new air delivery system



## Participation

#### SYSTEM: Advanced Combat Helmet (ACH)

#### **Businesses:**

Specialty Defense Systems (LB) Mine Safety Appliance Company (LB) Gentex Corporation (LB) Rabintex USA (SB)

5-year Program Value \$200 Million Replaces the PASGT helmet



## Where do I go from here?



