



The Acquisition and Property Division's (APD) Acquisition Programs and Oversight Branch (APOB) *Spotlight* focuses on initiatives, tools, and resources that provide information, assistance, and support to enhance Research, Education, and Economics (REE) employees' ability to cooperatively endeavor to support REE's mission.

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APOB SPOTLIGHT

As a result of the Acquisition Workforce's vendor outreach efforts and continued support of the small business community, REE exceeded all of its Procurement Preference Program goals for FY- 2012! The Federally mandated goal of 23% of awards to small businesses almost tripled at 64%!

FY-2013 vendor outreach efforts are underway! James Mills, NCRBSC (left), Michael Wigfall, EBSC (center), and Jennifer Friel, APOB (right), attended the 5th Annual Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Event held on the Jamie L. Whitten Building Patio on November 8, 2012. ARS' representatives met with fifteen SDVOSBs providing information on the mission area and how to conduct business with REE. Due to an overwhelming response, a second SDVOSB Event will be held on January 17, 2013. Acquisition and program personnel are encouraged to attend. For details please contact Jennifer Friel, REE Small Business Coordinator, at Jennifer.Friel@ars.usda.gov.



New/Updated Issuances

[APD Alert 2013-02 – Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 \(SBREFA\)](#)

[CRB Standard Operating Procedures – Contract Review Board Procedures](#)

[Small Entity Compliance Guide](#)

[Acquisition Workforce New Hire Checklists – On-boarding/Off-boarding To Do's..](#)