

Harkcon, Inc. and ABS Group Sign Agreement under DHS Mentor-Protégé Program

FREDERICKSBURG, VA-- Harkcon, Inc. and ABS Group are proud to announce establishment of a Mentor-Protégé relationship under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Utilization (OSDBU) program. Harkcon is looking forward to building a closer relationship with ABS Consulting who have agreed to share their extensive experience and expertise in a wide variety of areas including: management guidance, financial management, organizational management, business management/development, and technical assistance.

Harkcon and ABS Consulting have successfully worked together on a wide variety of contracts for government agencies including: U. S. Coast Guard, DHS Office of Infrastructure Protections, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, (BSEE) and GSA Performance Management and Continuous Process Improvement (PM/CPI) BPA.

In discussing the DHS Mentor Protégé program, John Duncan, Vice President for Government Services stated that "ABS Group looks forward to extending the productive and successful relationship we have built with Harkcon to deliver excellence to Government agencies. Harkcon's training development and organizational services are industry leading and complement the range of services offered by ABS Group."

Dr. Kevin Harkins, CEO of Harkcon confirmed the relationship by saying "We are most grateful for this opportunity to work closely with ABS Consulting, a world class organization with amazing capabilities and a corporate culture that is a good fit for us. We recognize the importance and potential of this relationship and look forward to learning from them, as well as supporting them in any way possible."

The Mentor Protégé Program assists DHS through the establishment of long-term business relationships between large and small business contractors. The program is designed to motivate and encourage large business prime contractor firms to provide mutually beneficial developmental assistance to small businesses and to improve the success of contracts and subcontracts.

ABOUT HARKCON, INC.

Harkcon, Inc. provides a wide range of comprehensive organizational and workforce performance analysis and customized, innovative solutions in the public and private sectors. Focusing on analysis and solutions that improve worker, workplace, and organizational performance, Harkcon specializes in identifying the needs of a workforce and the appropriate organizational, leadership, and management interventions required to bring motivation and performance to unprecedented levels.

A veteran-owned small business founded in 2005 and based in Fredericksburg, Virginia, Harkcon was named *Diversity Business's* "Top Veteran Owned Business" for the fourth consecutive year (2013), made the *Inc. 500/5000* List for the fifth consecutive year (2014), and was recognized on *Virginia Business* and VA Chamber of Commerce's "Fantastic 50" list for the third consecutive year (2013).

For more information on Harkcon, Inc. and the services they provide, please visit www.harkcon.com.

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