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TASC Luncheon Speaker for August

TASC is honored to have Congressman Glenn Nye as our August Luncheon Speaker. Congressman Glenn Nye represents Virginia's 2nd District, which includes the communities of Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore. A fifth-generation resident of the district, Nye is a former Foreign Service officer who spent more than ten years overseas, volunteering to serve in conflict zones around the world including Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.



Congressman Glenn Nye

Assigned to the reconstruction effort in Kosovo in 2001, Nye received the State Department's Superior Honor Award for organizing the rescue of 26 American citizens who were being held behind insurgent lines, and for negotiating the release of an American hostage.

Nye was next assigned to the US Embassy in Singapore, where he helped to negotiate intellectual property agreements that protected American businesses and entrepreneurs.

Less than a year later, in 2002, Nye signed up to go to Afghanistan with the US Agency for International Development (USAID). He spent more than a year as part of the State Department's team responsible for managing the Afghan Constitutional Convention and assisting with the Presidential election. After returning home, Nye continued his work supporting democracy in the Middle East, working to organize absentee balloting for Iraqis living in the United States, and later, managing a USAID community development program in the West Bank and Gaza.

In 2007, Nye again volunteered to return to a war zone, this time in Iraq. He spent nearly a year working as an advisor for a USAID program tasked with combating the insurgency by creating jobs and stabilizing neighborhoods. In the end, the effort was able to create employment for over 70,000 Iraqis.

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President's Corner

This month we are excited to welcome Congressman Glenn Nye of Virginia's 2nd District as our luncheon speaker on August 19, 2009. Congressman Nye will speak on topics concerning our local area, as well as future issues and concerns. We encourage you to visit our website and register early as we anticipate a sell out for this month's luncheon.

On behalf of TASC, I'd like to thank Mayor Sessoms again for speaking at our July luncheon. His presentation was extremely informative as he touched on the City of Virginia Beach's strong partnership with the military, supporting defense contractors, the Hampton roads area, and overall business growth.

TASC luncheons are held the third Weds. of each month at the Norfolk Airport Hilton starting at 11:30 a.m. Advance registration is required and can be made online at <http://tasc-tgic.org/reservations.htm>. Also, please join us for our monthly TGIC meetings which are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at UNISYS, 600 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 101, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-7319 at 8:00. No reservations are required to attend.

I ask that all members of TASC recommend membership to your business associates and colleagues that are active in the service contracting community. As you know, as a non-profit, volunteer organization, we are totally dependent on the dues we receive from memberships to sustain our activities in the local community. For more information, please contact the TASC Membership Chairperson, Mary White at mary.b.white@saic.com. As always, we are looking for feedback on what you want to hear about at our monthly luncheons, on our website, or in our newsletters. Please send feedback to our TASC Publicity Chairperson, Triffy Erickson at terickson@zenetex.com.

Thank you for supporting TASC, and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Beverly Arviso

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE

Welcome New Members

Individual Members

Andrew Parr	Doyon Government Group
Ed Shapiro	Symantec
Dick Costello	AT&T

Upcoming Speakers

September: Lt. Col Robert Darling, USMC (Confirmed), will give a dramatic account of the events of 911. Lt. Col. Darling was in the White House with the Secretary of State, Vice President, and other important decision maker of the Bush Administration.

October: Speaker to be announced

October: Special Program, SPAWAR and USJFCOM Presentations from 1:30—4:00.

TASC Officers/Committee Chairs

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Articles of Interest

Mark Your Calendars for Tuesday November 4th, TASC/TGIC Exchange Brief — “Government Insourcing”

Our next TASC/TGIC Exchange Briefing will be held November 4, 2009, at the Meyera Oberndorf Library, formerly the Central Library, in Virginia Beach, 0830-1130. The timely, complex, and controversial topic will be **Government Insourcing** which will be addressed by a senior panel representing DoD policy for insourcing contracted services; Government customers with significant contract support and therefore, potential significant insourcing requirements; DoD contractors currently providing support; and Government Human Resources Offices responsible for the Government hiring process upon which insourcing will rely.

For your immediate purposes as well as preparation for the Exchange Brief, you may also want to review the DEPSECDEF memo of 28 May 2009 entitled “In-sourcing Contracted Services – Implementation Guidance,” and a recent letter from some in Congress expressing their concerns to the Secretary. (links are below)

As soon as the Library’s calendar for 2010 opens up in October, we will identify dates for our January, March, and June 2010 Exchange Briefings.

Links to articles mentioned above:

http://www.tasc-tgic.org/downloads/presentation/SECDEF_28_May_2009.pdf

<http://www.tasc-tgic.org/downloads/presentation/>

TASC/TGIC Positions Open

TGIC is currently looking to fill the Secretary Position. If you are interested please contact Jeff Brunner at jeffrey.brunner@jfc.com.

Also TASC is looking for volunteers to assist Steve Liberman with our Market Assessment Plan. If interested contact Steve at mnclib2@gmail.com.

Articles of Interest

United States Joint Forces Command Industry Outreach and SPAWAR Atlantic Contracts Update – A Combined Event October 21, 2009

If you attended the recent Joint Warfighting Conference and sat in on the USJFCOM Business Management Office's presentation in the USJFCOM Theater on the exhibit floor, you already know that USJFCOM will be holding Industry Outreach Sessions several times during the year. These sessions are designed for all Industry members interested in USJFCOM business opportunities and networking, and will feature presentations and opportunity updates by the Business Management Officer, CAPT John Polowczyk; the Contract and Acquisition Management Officer (CAMO), Mr. Jeff Brunner; and Mr. Dan Judy, Director of the Office of Research and Technology Applications (ORTA).

The next session has been scheduled and will be held Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 1330-1600, at the Airport Hilton in conjunction with SPAWAR Atlantic who will present a Contracts Update along the lines of the SPAWAR presentation that is a regular feature of the quarterly Small Business Symposiums conducted by the Charleston Defense Contractors Association. Recent contract awards and upcoming RFP's will be outlined by Ms. Donna Murphy, SPAWAR Atlantic Deputy Contracts Director.

Seating will be available for 200 and no pre-registration is required. This session will follow the regular monthly TASC luncheon meeting that will feature Mr. William Paggi, SPAWAR Atlantic Contracts Director, as the luncheon speaker. .

Articles of Interest

Information for Small 8(a) Business

The General Services Administration (GSA) Small Business (SB) Government wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) Center (the "Center") is pleased to release the 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for Services (STARS) II GWAC, a/k/a "8(a) STARS II" or "STARS II" Request for Proposals (RFP or solicitation). This solicitation is the only source of official information about this procurement. The earlier draft RFP is obsolete.

The RFP is only available on FedBizOpps (FBO). STARS II covers a broad range of information technology (IT) services and IT services-based solutions. The RFP is reserved exclusively for qualifying certified 8(a) small business concerns as the prime contractors per Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.8, and the Small Business Administration's (SBA) rules for the 8(a) Business Development Program (www.sba.gov). The Center encourages interested parties to be familiar with the SBA 8(a) program's regulatory framework. Questions regarding the 8(a) program should be directed to the SBA.

STARS II promotes the use of performance-based contracting and accommodates task orders with the following terms: fixed-price (FP) (all in FAR 16.2), time-and materials (T&M) (per FAR 16.6), and labor-hour (LH) (per FAR 16.6). 8(a) STARS II will also allow requiring activities to choose among the incentive features found in FAR 16.4 that are tied to FP, T&M and LH terms.

There is no other source of official information about the 8(a) STARS II solicitation beyond that in the written RFP posted on FBO under solicitation number QTA609MCA0010. This Proposal is due September 2nd, 2009.

TASC August Luncheon Speaker

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Glenn Nye was sworn in as the new Representative from Virginia's 2nd District on January 6th, 2009. He sits on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Veterans Affairs Committee in addition to serving as the Chairman of the House Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology.

Excerpt from George Friedman's book, "The Next 100 Years":

"Let's consider some interesting figures. Americans constitute about 4 percent of the world's population but produce about 26 percent of all goods and services. In 2007 U.S. gross domestic product was about \$14 trillion, compared to the world's GDP of \$54 trillion—about 26% of the world's economic activity takes place in the United States. The next largest economy in the world is Japan's, with a GDP of about \$4.4 trillion—about a third the size of ours. The American economy is so huge that it is larger than the economies of the next four countries combined: Japan, Germany, China and the United Kingdom.

"Many people point at the declining auto and steel industries, which a generation ago were the mainstays of the American economy, as examples of a current deindustrialization of the United States. Certainly, a lot of industry has moved overseas. That has left the United States with industrial production of only \$2.8 trillion (in 2006): the largest in the world, more than twice the size of the next industrial power, Japan, and larger than Japan's and China's industries combined.

"There is talk of oil shortages, which certainly seem to exist and will undoubtedly increase. However, it is important to realize that the United States produced 8.3 million barrels of oil every day in 2006. Compare that with 9.7 million for Russia and 10.7 million for Saudi Arabia. U.S. oil production is 85% of that of Saudi Arabia. The United States produces more oil than Iran, Kuwait or the United Arab Emirates.

Imports of oil into the country are vast, but given its industrial production, that's understandable.

Comparing natural gas production in 2006, Russia was in first place with 22.4 trillion cubic feet and the United States was second with 18.7 trillion cubic feet. U.S. natural gas production is greater than that of the next five producers combined. In other words, although there is great concern that the United States is wholly dependent on foreign energy, it is actually one of the world's largest energy producers.

"Given the vast size of the American economy, it is interesting to note that the United States is still under-populated by global standards. Measured in inhabitants per square kilometer, the world's average population density is 49. Japan's is 338, Germany's is 230, and America's is only 31. If we exclude Alaska, which is largely uninhabitable, U.S. population density rises to 34. Compared to Japan or Germany, or the rest of Europe, the United States is hugely under-populated. Even when we simply compare population in proportion to arable land—land that is suitable for agriculture—America has five times as much land per person as Asia, almost twice as much as Europe, and three times as much as the global average. An economy consists of land, labor and capital. In the case of the United States, these numbers show that the nation can still grow—it has plenty of room to increase all three."