



## Eglin 2008 Small Business Vendor Show a great success

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EGLIN AFB, Fla. -- Nearly 200 government personnel and 43 small business vendors came together at the Eglin Officers Club July 16 for the 2008 Small Business Vendor Show. Vendors shared their capabilities and insight, while government attendees talked of current and future needs and learned how these small businesses can contribute to the Eglin mission.

The event was hosted by the Eglin Small Business Office and the Florida Procurement Technical Assistance Center.

All participating vendors were small businesses, many with designations as 8(a), disadvantaged, woman-owned, veteran-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, and/or historically underutilized business zone firms.

Capabilities on display included: technical/engineering, design, manufacturing, electronics, avionics, information technology, maintenance/repair, office supply, furniture, video

surveillance, flooring, environmental, construction, safety/tactical equipment, graphics, test equipment and services, handling equipment, power generators, cooling equipment, and more.

Government attendees included representatives from the Air Armament Center command staff, test, mission support and acquisition organizations, Air Combat Command, medical group, Secretary of the Air

Force Small Business Office, Army Corps of Engineers, Air Force Special Operations Command, Tyndall AFB, Fla., and Navy facilities.

Networking and marketing were the premiere activities of the event. The day was "a cornucopia of leads," said Bill Brownlee of Aircraft Engineering and Installation Services, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business that participated as a vendor at the show.



Sponsors of the Vendor Show are (from left) Cathina Hill, assistant director, Eglin Small Business Office; Paul Briere, procurement specialist, Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Gina Holman, director, Eglin Small Business Office; and Laura Subel, Florida PTAC Program Manager.



Vendors and attendees network at the Eglin 2008 Small Business Show July 16.



A vendor speaks with Airmen at the Eglin 2008 Small Business Vendor Show July 16 at the Eglin Officers Club.