

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual DOE Small Business Conference was held in Washington, D.C. June 26-28, 2007. DOE Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management (EM) James Rispoli addressed attendees at the opening plenary session conference in on June 27, 2007. EM received two awards for continued support of the small business community at an awards luncheon later that day. The first award was the **Federal Small Business Achievement Award** for demonstrated success in migrating work from large to small business. This is the third achievement award EM has received for identifying and transitioning work historically performed by large business to small business prime contracts. The second award was the **Federal Small Business Advancement Award** for tangible results in terms of increases for small business participation. In addition, David Hepner received the **DOE Small Business Program Manager of the Year** for his efforts to increase small business participation in EM prime contracts at the Savannah River Site. The **Mentor-Protégé Team Award** was presented to North Wind, Inc., as the protégé, and Bechtel BWXT Idaho, as the mentor, for work performed for the EM program at Idaho.