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B&W Pantex Receives Award for Providing Opportunities to Small Businesses

B&W Pantex received the Management and Operating Small Business Achievement of the Year Award from the Department of Energy (DOE) during the department's recent Small Business Conference.

"Small businesses are the back bone of our economy, and we are pleased with the exemplary performance that B&W Pantex has achieved in this effort," said Steve Erhart, Manager of the Pantex Site Office. "The challenge now will be to work hard to maintain these great results or even exceed them in the future."

The award recognizes the tangible, annual and organizational results of a DOE facility's management contractor. B&W Pantex is the management contractor at the Pantex Plant. The results are measured in terms of dollars and percentage increases in small business procurement activity as well as policies, programs and procedures that promote small business use.

B&W Pantex was specifically recognized for its leadership and achievement in providing contract and subcontract opportunities to small businesses. B&W Pantex consistently exceeded its goal and successfully awarded three B&W Pantex Mentor-Protégé agreements, which have completed 39 projects totaling more than \$7 million. B&W Pantex also supports small businesses throughout the 26 counties in the Texas panhandle.

"We have worked to realign our process so that small businesses are our first resource when goods or services are needed at the Pantex Plant," said Gere Jester, acting Supply Chain Management Division Manager.

B&W Pantex manages and operates the Pantex Plant near Amarillo, Texas, for the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

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