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## **MDA Mentor-Protégé Team Wins 2008 Nunn-Perry Award**

For the first time a team supporting the Missile Defense Agency under the auspices of the Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Program will receive the prestigious Nunn-Perry Award, named in honor of former Senator Sam Nunn and former Secretary of Defense William Perry. First awarded in 1995, the prize recognizes mentor-protégé teams that have excelled in technical developments, cost effectiveness and increased business opportunities for small disadvantaged firms.

This year's recipients are the team of Northrop Grumman Mission Systems Sector, the mentor and prime contractor, and Boecore, the protégé and subcontractor to Northrop Grumman, providing information technology and engineering services at the Missile Defense Integration and Operations Center (MDIOC), located at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado.

Northrop Grumman Corporation (NGC) has participated in the Mentor-Protégé Program since 1992 and has received 15 Nunn-Perry Awards. Boecore is a woman-owned small business and has built a strong reputation for delivering quality engineering and IT services through three separate subcontracts with NGC.

Under the provisions of the three-year mentor-protégé agreement, Boecore receives development assistance in emerging technology services, contract and subcontract development, strategic planning, capability maturity model integration, quality assurance, operational infrastructure, and marketing.

The team will receive the award at the Nunn-Perry Awards Dinner March 12 during the annual DoD Mentor-Protégé Conference at Daytona Beach, Fla.

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