

DSCC associate discusses contracting at SupplyCore networking breakfast

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ROCKFORD, Ill. - The Illinois/Wisconsin Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association celebrated its inaugural event Aug. 13 with more than 200 attendees from more than 120 companies.

SupplyCore Inc., holder of the restricted Fleet Automotive Support Initiative Global (FASI-G) contract awarded by Defense Supply Center Columbus in December, hosted the event in Rockford, Ill.

It also hosted a follow-up Manufacturing Networking Breakfast at which guest speaker Rebecca Parks from the DSCC Small Business Office, spoke to more than 100 attendees about small business contracting with the government. SupplyCore Inc. teamed up with the National Defense Industry Association and Parks for the events in order to help regional



U.S. Rep. Don Manzullo (left), SupplyCore president Peter Provenzano and Maj. Gen. James McInerney Jr. (Ret.) confer during the National Defense Industrial Association meeting Aug. 13 at Giovanni's in Rockford, Ill.

small businesses gain access to knowledge and contacts within the defense industry and to do more business with the government in general.

During the Manufacturing Networking Breakfast, Parks gave an overview of the Defense Logistics Agency, discussed government contracting, introduced the attendees to

DIBBS (DLA Internet Bid Board System), and mentioned upcoming training opportunities and conferences that would be beneficial to attend.

SupplyCore is continuing to work with other small businesses to compete for government contracts and build a presence in the defense industry.

FEW officer featured in CapitalWirePR

From Federally Employed Women

A central Ohio federal employee who is vice president of training for Federally Employed Women was recently featured in an article on CapitalWirePR about the success she has achieved in part due to FEW's training workshops.

Arlena Fitch-Gordon, a supervisory personnel security specialist for the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office, was recommended by FEW national president Sue Webster to share her FEW success story.

The purpose of the success stories was to highlight how the training offered by the FEW National Training Programs have enhanced the selected employees' federal career.

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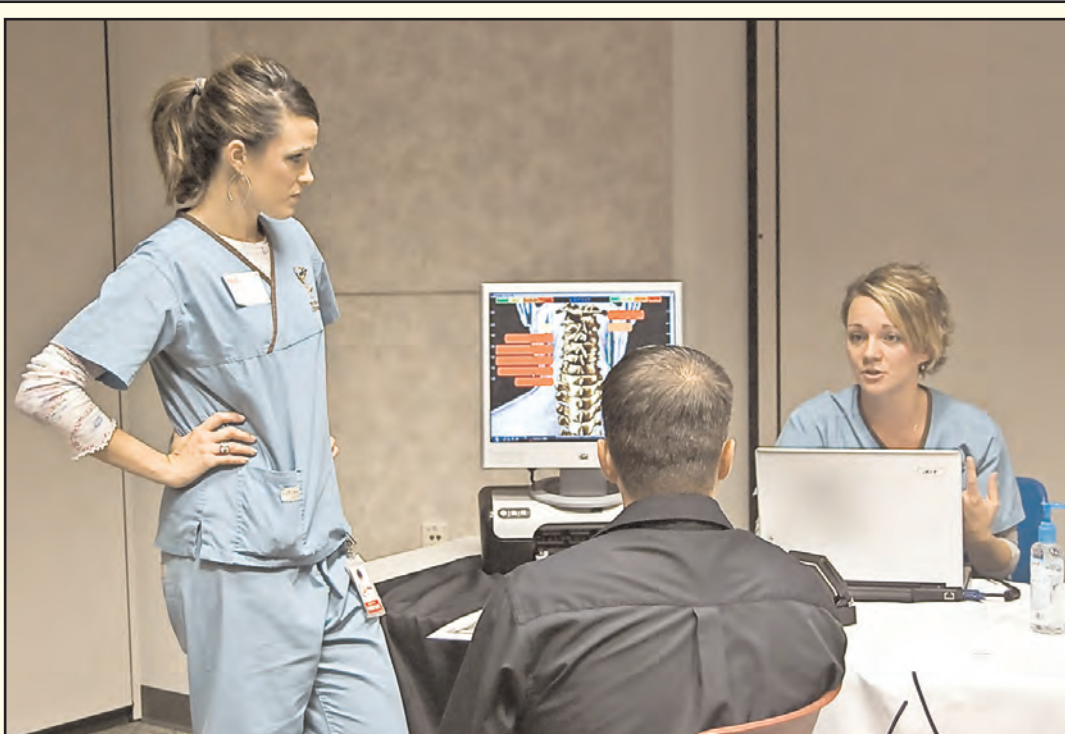
Arlena Fitch-Gordon

women in federal service for the past 41 years, sponsors an annual National Training Program in July. The NTP is designed to meet the needs of all private, public and federal employees, including military personnel, in positions ranging from entry-level through managerial and supervisory levels.

In her story, Fitch-Gordon stated that she attended her first FEW NTP in 1991 and was inspired by the determination and motivated by the purpose of so many other career women in the federal government.

"As an African-American female, it was encouraging to see women of color as instructors for many of these workshops," she said, adding that the workshops were the catalyst that empowered her to create her own career

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(DSCC photo by Charles Morris)

Associates snap up free neck scan appointments

Nurses from a central Ohio chiropractic office discuss the results of a stress test with a DSCC associate. As part of ongoing wellness efforts, the testing was conducted Sept. 17 in the Building 20 cafeteria via the occupational medicine services contract managed by the DES-Columbus Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Office. Each appointment consisted of a thermo scan of the associate's cervical spine (neck) area to detect weak or problem areas, as well as general advice for healthy living. The appointment times allotted for the testing were filled within three days of announcement of the event, and a total of about 50 associates participated.

THANK YOU

The family of Mattie L. Caslin would like to thank the Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council, the DSCC Commander, VE office personnel and all friends for the beautiful flowers that were sent after her passing Sept. 19. They were greatly appreciated.

Willie J. Caslin, DSCC
The Caslin Family

On behalf of my family and me, we would like to

thank the Civilian Welfare and Post Restaurant Council, the DSCC Commander, VE office personnel and all friends for the kind thoughts, the flowers and the donation that will be made to the local health clinic in my mother's name. It has indeed helped us during these difficult times. Our many thanks again.

Dayanand (Dan) Patel, DSCC

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