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Government Technology & Services Coalition and *Government Contracting Weekly* Launch Mentor Award Program

Awards will recognize companies that mentor small businesses

Washington, D.C. – December 4, 2013 – *Government Contracting Weekly*, the only television program devoted to winning government contracts, and the Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC) today launched, “The Mentors,” a Special Award Program and Strategic Partnership to recognize companies that mentor and contribute to the success of small businesses.

“Since our inception, the members of GTSC have wanted to recognize and encourage those who are improving the environment, expertise and effectiveness of the private and public sectors to assure that collectively we achieve our mission of protecting the nation,” said Kristina Tanasichuk, CEO and founder of GTSC, “we believe that this award program is long-overdue and highlights that there are many tremendous people and companies working in partnership to provide the latest innovation, professionalism and expertise to our Federal partners.”

The awards program will recognize and salute government contractors for their leadership and concrete actions in assisting small government contracting firms through mentoring, training, inspiration, teaming and cooperation. “We believe that mentoring is critical to the contracting community. Large firms that mentor small companies play a critical role in saving their Federal clients money and time, commit to putting action behind the mantra of bringing “innovation and creativity” to the Federal mission and bring a higher level of professionalism to the contracting community. We are proud to recognize their contributions,” said Richard Nathan, CEO, AOC Key Solutions, owner of the *Government Contracting Weekly* television program.

Government Contracting Weekly premiered in September, 2013, and has received widespread critical acclaim from the government contracting community. Over 125 senior executives from government and industry have made appearances to provide unique domain knowledge and expertise regarding the keys to winning government contracts. “The alliance between GTSC and *Government Contracting Weekly* will provide heightened visibility to all of the support provided by large businesses to their small business counterparts,” said Jim McCarthy, owner and technical director of AOC Key Solutions and host/moderator of the program.

The award nominations process will open December 5th and accept nominations from both GTSC members and the broader small business contracting community. Awardees will be announced weekly starting in early 2014 and recognized at a special awards celebration in the spring. For more information on the awards, visit:
www.GTSCoalition.com/mentorawards

The Chertoff Group, Dickstein Shapiro, GSIS 360 and the International Association for Contract and Commercial Management (IACCM), Linden Resources and the Security Industry Association are GTSC’s other strategic partners. More information on each is available at www.GTSCoalition.com.

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Government Contracting Weekly is a TV show devoted to winning government contracts, produced and brought to you by **AOC Key Solutions, Inc.**. The show airs every Sunday at 7am on the DC Metro CBS affiliate WUSA9. Learn more about GCW at www.governmentcontractingweekly.com. AOC Key Solutions, Inc. (KSI) KSI provides proposal and business development consulting services to federal contractors. Since 1983, KSI has helped its clients win or retain over \$122 billion in Government contracts by providing the Key to Winning. KSI employs in-house consulting professionals supplemented by more than 275 associates and subject matter experts. KSI consulting services include marketing assessment, strategic advisory, third party performance assessments, proposal development and technical writing services. Learn more about their services at www.aockeysolutions.com.