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We have exciting news!

After several weeks and long hours of hard work the NBC Bay Area Investigative Unit aired a story on the diversion of federal small business contracts to corporate giants.

What NBC found:

-Hundreds of millions of dollars in federal contracts awarded to large businesses but being 'coded' as awards to small businesses.

-\$77 million in federal small business contracts awarded to large companies located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Once again, and not surprisingly, the SBA refused to appear in front of the camera and answer basic questions. NBC had to settle for an email response that pretty much parroted what the SBA has said for ten years—that the scandal is all an accident.

Our message to the SBA is simply to prove it. Prove that you don't include contracts awarded to businesses such as Oracle, Lockheed Martin, AT&T and several other Fortune 500 companies in your small business goaling report.

You can find the NBC Investigative story below in our T.V. section or by clicking the link here:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9Lx-dftuII>

Press Releases:

July 25, 2012 – [Small Business Administration Denies Fraud in NBC Investigation](#)

The NBC Bay Area Investigative Unit found 24 large companies with headquarters or major offices in the Bay Area that received 299 contracts labeled as "small business" awards since 2009.

July 17, 2012 – [Obama Administration Proposes Policy to Divert Small Business Funds to Corporate Giants](#)

A **proposed rule** from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will allow federal agencies to divert billions of dollars in federal small business funds to large businesses every year.

July 5, 2012 – [Defense Contractor Earns \\$119 million in Small Business Contracts Despite Illegally Providing U.S. Military Technology to China](#)

Fortune 500 company which owns numerous large defense contractors was fined \$75 million last week after it

was found that the firm had illegally exported U.S. computer software that [helped China build its first modern attack helicopter, the Z10](#) (which was first delivered to China in 2009 and still remains in production today).

July 3, 2012 – [Corporate Giants Receive Billions in Small Business Contracts in Latest Obama Administration Report](#)

As happens every year, the federal government reported having narrowly missed the congressionally mandated goal of awarding 23 percent of federal contracts to small businesses, [claiming to have awarded 21.65%](#) of federal contracting dollars to small businesses in fiscal year (FY) 2011.

ASBL On TV:

July 20, 2012 – NBC Bay Area Investigative Unit reports on large corporations, including several in the Bay Area that have been receiving federal funds meant for small businesses.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9Lx-dftuII>

June 13th, 2012 – [American Small Business League President Lloyd Chapman joins Alex Jones for the Alex Jones Show's Nightly News](#)

Headlines:

July 3, 2012 – [Federal Government Misses Small Business Goal Again](#)

By Jose Pagliery, CNN Money

For the sixth year in a row, the government has missed its goal to award 23% of all federal contract dollars to small businesses.

July 3, 2012 – [Federal Small Business Contract Goal Missed For 6th Straight Year](#)

June 18, 2012 – [Russian Arms Dealer Was Classified as a Small Business, Briefly](#)

By Robb Mandelbaum, NY Times

Rosoboronexport holds contracts with the United States government, mostly to supply Russian helicopters to Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan — and it was briefly labeled a minority-owned small business by the Army....

June 13, 2012 – [Small Business Advocacy Group Takes Pentagon to Court](#)

By Neil Gordon, Project on Government Oversight

In an ongoing effort to document the extent to which large businesses are winning federal small business contracts, the [American Small Business League](#) (ASBL) has filed another [lawsuit](#) to force the government to turn over contracting data.

June 07, 2012 – [Small Business Procurement Report Needs Adjustment, Group Says](#)

By Sarah Chacko, Federal Times

In anticipation of the government's annual [small business procurement scorecard](#) this summer, a group of small business advocates and watchdog groups has asked top federal procurement officials to stop practices that inaccurately reflect how close agencies have come to meeting their goals.

ASBL Pres. Lloyd Chapman's Huffington Post Blog:

July 25, 2012 – [Washington Ignores Simplest Solution to Job Creation and Economic Stimulus](#)

June 28, 2012 – [One Broken Campaign Promise Could Cost Obama Election](#)

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