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Bobbie Jessie co-founder of JES Tech, accepts Small Business Subcontractor of the Year in DC celebration

Houston (May 11, 2008)-Bobbie Jessie, co founder of JES Tech, an HUBZone-certified small business, traveled to DC recently to accept the 2008 Region VI Subcontractor of the Year award from the Small Business Administration.

Offering document imaging services as well as project management and staffing solutions to private sector and government clients, JES Tech's revenue has grown 310 percent in the last four years, from \$1.6 million in 2004 to nearly \$5.0 million in 2007.

"We started making money the first year," she said. "Everyone told us we would be operating in the red for several years, but we never did. My partner, Keith Sabin and I had faith in our company and coming from NASA, I felt that I had enough experience and contacts to make the company a success. Keith is wonderful at the financial end and together we are a great combination for a winning team.

"It was quite an honor just to be nominated by one of our clients (Wyle Life Sciences), but to win was incredible," she said. "We went to DC for three days and even had a reception with President Bush who gave us a 15-minutes presentation about small businesses.

Starting with a team of 24, the company now employs over 100, building a solid customer base within the aerospace community. JES provides operations support for such complex programs as the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Working to create job opportunities in the HUBZone where it operates in Southeast Houston, the business includes working with a non-profit information technology services provider that trains underprivileged high school students to perform computer services.

"Part of our mission is to give back to the community," said Jessie. "We like to help students as well as adults. As an African American woman, I take pride in the fact that I have not only survived but thrived in what once was a typically male-oriented business. I am living proof that you can live your dream. That is what I would like to pass on to others. Work hard, dream big and then sit back and watch it happen."