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Pascagoula small business wins Blue Roof contract

BILOXI, Miss. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a small business contract worth up to \$12 million to a small, disadvantaged Pascagoula business to install blue roofs for FEMA’s Operation Blue Roof program on Mississippi homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

The contract was awarded Wednesday to S&M Associates of Pascagoula, a community extremely hard hit by Katrina. The company’s president is Darron L. Miles.

“The Corps is pleased to have another small business, especially a small, disadvantaged enterprise, from a Katrina-ravaged area join our response team,” said Michael Logue, public affairs officer for the Corps’ Vicksburg District.

The Vicksburg District is awarding many of its contracts for Katrina operations in Mississippi to small and large companies from states impacted by Katrina.

- Yates Construction, Philadelphia, Miss., general construction, \$50 million
- Thompson Engineering, Mobile Ala., quality inspection, \$11 million
- EnviroZone, Prairieville, La., self help tarps, \$.9 million

In addition, one of the Corps’ two prime contractors for FEMA’s Operations Blue Roof program in Mississippi, Carothers Construction, is from Water Valley, Mississippi.