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SBA Mississippi District Office Announces SOL Engineering Services, LLC As SBA's Legacy Business

SOL Engineering Services, LLC One of 68 Businesses Recognized Nationally as Part of SBA's 70th Anniversary Celebration

Jackson, Mississippi – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced that **SOL Engineering Services, LLC** has been named an SBA Legacy Business being recognized nationwide as part of the agency's 70th anniversary celebrations. Commemorative legacy businesses amongst those recommended to higher headquarters, selected, fully vetted and they also represent those businesses that have sought after and received various forms of SBA assistance which served to facilitate their development and growth.

“The SBA Mississippi District is proud to recognize SOL Engineering Services, LLC as our legacy business” says Janita R. Stewart, SBA District Director. “This company has applied for, was deemed eligible, and received numerous forms of SBA assistance and has smartly utilized this assistance to further its growth and success, now in business for more than two decades serving Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas and beyond. SOL is an excellent example of what a SBA legacy business is tying into the agency's 70th anniversary celebration.”

Founded in 2001, SOL Engineering Services, LLC (SOL), a Jackson, MS based engineering and technical services firm is celebrating over twenty (20) years of organic growth and consistent business activities largely because of the enormous, invaluable opportunities, guidance, support and benefits the US Small Business Administration and its team provided the firm.

Willie A. O'Neal, Jr., Founding Member & Principal of SOL stated “ SOL was accepted into the SBA 8a Business Development Program in 2006 and graduated in 2015 - embracing those achievements and utilizing them to the fullest extent were by far the most pivotal and crucial steps in shoring up the foundation of SOL; eight (8) years after graduation from the program, we're ecstatic and grateful to have a business presence in 7 US states, 10 locations providing impactful professional services and solutions both CONUS and OCONUS; services which improve our nation's infrastructure systems, protect our warfighters, dramatically advance research and development initiatives, restore and rebuild resilient communities subsequent to natural disasters and reduce environmental and cyber threats - this a dream come true of which was influenced, shaped and made possible due to the SBA's support, partnership and involvement with us - for the commitment and confidence they've shown in us, I'm eternally grateful and paying those lessons learned forward. “

Derek Starling Sr., SOL Engineering Services has greatly benefited from services offered by the SBA since our inception in 2001. SBA has provided many outstanding services that have catapulted SOL to becoming a Legacy Business Recipient. Thanks to the SBA's dedicated staff for affording us continued services that have helped SOL grow and prosper

So, with immense gratitude I proudly accept the SBA Mississippi Commemorative Legacy Business Award, on behalf of the entire SOL family!



SOL Engineering Services, LLC
Mr. Willie O'Neal and Mr. Derek Starling

The SBA's Legacy Businesses recognize past or current small businesses that benefitted from SBA resources in their early stages. For 70 years, America's entrepreneurs have relied on SBA support to help start and grow their small businesses. Today, the SBA is building upon its success, particularly with the historic progress made under the Biden-Harris Administration. The federal agency has provided billions of dollars in support to small businesses and has helped millions of small business owners build meaningful lifelong connections and help power their local economies. Now, amid soaring consumer confidence, historic low unemployment, and falling inflation, applications to start new businesses continue to boom under the Biden-Harris Administration. Since the start of SBA, more than 12.2 million people have applied to start a small business.

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