

## Professional Bio James A. Josey

James A. Josey has spent the past eight years in government procurement and acquisitions. He is currently a Level III Certified Acquisition professional holding Unlimited Warrant Authority within the Department of State's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). His breadth of government acquisitions includes A&E, R&D, IT, Grants, FFP Commodities, Construction and experience with numerous contracting vehicles.



James Josey joined the US Department of State in Washington, DC in February of 2015 as a Senior Procurement Analyst in the OSDBU Office. He oversees the small business efforts of the Bureau of Overseas Operations, WOSB/EDWOSB Program and the Mentor-Protégé Program for the Department of State. Prior to joining DoS, he served as a Small Business Specialist with the US Department of Health and Human Services OSDBU Office. While there he impacted the agency in many ways. Most notably, he negotiated a 40% SB set-aside of the HHS Program Support Center's \$750 million IDIQ. Small Businesses had only received \$23 million on the previous cycle.

Prior to his tenure at HHS, Josey was appointed Deputy for Small Business Programs, US Army Corps of Engineers-Charleston District. While there, the small business achievement peaked at 73% and the District was recognized at the SAME Small Business Conference in 2012. He also served as a contracting specialist in the Charleston District.

Josey was once asked, "What drives your passion for small business?" He responded, for most people working with small businesses is just a job, an occupation. For me it is a ministry, part of God's Great Commission. Many of these businesses employ people who are on the margins of our society.

James Josey also happens to be a Licensed Itinerant Minister holding a Doctorate of Ministry from United Theological Seminary.