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### **VALLEY FIRM RECEIVES RECOGNITION AS ONE OF THE NATION'S OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTORS**

Los Angeles, CA - Elizabeth Echols, Administrator for Region IX of the U.S. Small Business Administration, announced today that RS Morris Construction from Clovis has been selected to receive the Administrator's Award for Excellence award under the contractor category. The award presentation will take place at the Fresno Business Matchmaking event in Fresno on August 25, 2010.

Nominees for this award were evaluated on the basis of management ability, financial stamina and controls, labor relations, customer interface, technical capabilities, resource utilization, cost performance, delivery performance, quality performance and overall performance. The company was nominated by Teresa Marshall, Contracting Officer with NASA/ Ames Research Center at Moffett Field.

SM Construction Inc dba RS Morris Construction Inc. was formed in August of 2004, by Susan Ripley and Scott Morris, on the principals of Quality, Safety, Timeliness. The company's approach to professional contracting has resulted in successful projects and customer satisfaction.

RS Morris Construction's focus in federal contracting is in the areas of commercial and industrial facilities for customers such as California Air and Army National Guard, NASA, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. RS Morris Construction Inc. is a HUBZone Certified Firm, and is a Woman-Owned Small Business.

In announcing this award, Echols stated: "The focus that RS Morris Construction places on ensuring customer satisfaction and the pride the staff takes in their work are two of the main reasons for their success."

"RS Morris Construction's record on ten NASA projects over 3 years has been exceptional both in performance and delivery," said NASA's Marshall. "Their skilled technical approach to the work combined with their superb management and communication skills should be an inspiration to other small businesses."