

# Small Business Opportunities Highlighted at Upcoming Forum at Yuma Proving Ground

Each year tens of millions of dollars are spent at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground on equipment, construction projects and much more to sustain the Army's mission. As the largest single employer of civilians and the county's primary high technology workplace, the contracting center at the proving ground is busy throughout the year acquiring, writing and processing government contracts for goods and services.

Small businesses throughout Yuma County and nearby areas are invited to attend a "Forecast Forum" on July 26 highlighting contracting opportunities at the proving ground. The forum will feature representatives from YPG units and the Mission and Installation Contracting Command who will provide accurate, up-to-date information on anticipated opportunities for 2017 and 2018.

The event will take place Wednesday, July 26, between 9:30 a.m. and noon, with sign-in beginning at 9 a.m. The forum will take place in YPG's Palm Garden Conference Center, Building 530, F Street. Please enter through the Howard Cantonment Area gate.

## Registration Instructions:

Contact Iliana Griffith by email at: [iliana.griffith.civ@mail.mil](mailto:iliana.griffith.civ@mail.mil) or call (928) 328-6285 no later than July 20, 2017, to register.

Due to a change in installation access policy, guests will need to register with Ms. Griffith to be included in a special event pass that will provide participants easier base access. Please list the first name, last name, name of company, and email address for all attendees for registration. If you do not pre-register, you are still welcome to attend. To gain access to the proving ground, you will be required to stop at the Visitor Control Center and have a computer background check completed the day of the event.

### **\*\*Very important\*\***

Driver's and vehicle occupants must have a military ID or valid civilian picture ID to gain proving ground access. Drivers must have a current driver's license, auto registration, and proof of insurance. A short computer background check will also be conducted. Please allow extra time for this process to take place. Driving directions will be provided upon request.

For further information or to register, contact Iliana Griffith at (928) 328-6285 or by email at: [iliana.griffith.civ@mail.mil](mailto:iliana.griffith.civ@mail.mil)

*NOTE to media: You are welcome to cover this event. To do so, please contact the YPG Public Affairs Office at (928) 328-6533 or email: [usarmy.ypg.atec.list.public-affairs-office@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.ypg.atec.list.public-affairs-office@mail.mil)*

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