



## Constellation West CEO Wolford Awarded Veterans Small Business Award

**WASHINGTON, July 16, 2014** — [Constellation West](#), a leading provider of mission-critical technology solutions for the U.S. government and one of the fastest-growing service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, small disadvantaged businesses in the country, announced today that president and CEO Lisa Wolford has been awarded the Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans Small Business Award by the National Veteran Small Business Coalition.

"I am privileged to receive this award from the National Veteran Small Business Coalition in honor of Gordon H. Mansfield, a true American hero and inspiration," said [Lisa Wolford](#), president and CEO of Constellation West. "This is an organization that does so much to promote the growth and well-being of veteran small business owners. It is truly an honor to be recognized by them."

NVSBC created this award in memory of Gordon H. Mansfield, who after serving his country and becoming paralyzed, made it his passion to advocate for veterans. The award was given at the annual Veteran Entrepreneur Training Symposium to annually recognize one veteran small business owner who owns and operates a successful small business, provides employment opportunities to veterans and gives back to the veteran community in a substantial and continuous way. Like Mansfield, the winner has to be selfless in their voluntary service to help other veterans.

Wolford, a Marine Corps veteran, is active in supporting a variety of causes that serve and support our nation's veterans. In addition to prioritizing the hiring of veterans at Constellation West, she is on the board of Final Salute, a non-profit that assists homeless women veterans, and At Ease USA, a program that supports active military, veterans and families with treatment for PTSD and related disorders. She also dedicates time to mentoring women veteran entrepreneurs and is an advocate for special consideration of veteran-owned small businesses by the U.S. government.

"After the service they gave to their country, I want to make sure they are given service back," said Wolford, concerning her work supporting women veterans.

In addition to her service to our nation's veterans and veteran entrepreneurs, Wolford's numerous executive and business awards, consistent growth and notable recent accomplishments at Constellation West provided a strong nomination. Furthermore, her many tough decisions in the face of national economic crises and the current stressed government contracting environment have proved she has created a resilient and agile company that continues to create outstanding value for its government customers.

"Her support for women veterans and all veterans extends deeply through her business and professional life," said Sharon Robino-West of the Women's Center for Advancement about Wolford. "I honestly can't think of anyone more deserving of accolades."

### **About Constellation West**

Constellation West is where extraordinary works. A leading provider of mission-critical technology solutions for the U.S. government, Constellation West is one of the fastest-growing service-disabled veteran-owned, women-owned, small disadvantaged businesses in the country. Constellation West delivers award-winning solutions in cybersecurity, geospatial information systems, IT engineering, cloud computing, mobile applications and process management. Constellation West has an Operations Center in Bellevue, Neb., from which it supports a wide array of government customers in defense and civilian sectors, including the U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, Veterans Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Internal Revenue Service, Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration. Constellation West has been honored with a number of awards for its outstanding services, commitment to hiring veterans and growth as a small business, including the 2012 Inc. Hire Power Award, Veteran Small Business Services Champion of the Year award by the Small



Business Administration, and Top 100 FedList Telecommunications Network Management Contractors by the Federal Times. Constellation West is based in Fairfax, Virginia, and was founded in 1997 by Lisa Wolford, a nationally recognized business leader who started her career as a field radio operator in the Marine Corps. For more information, go to [www.ConstellationWest.com](http://www.ConstellationWest.com).

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