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A3L Federal Works in Fairmont, West Virginia, secures \$25 million Army contract

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A3L Federal Works Business and Finance Manager Hollie Reeves, seated, and A3L President and CEO Roya Maher discuss an ongoing IT project.



FAIRMONT, W.Va. (WV News) — Fairmont-based IT company A3L Federal Works announced last week that it recently secured a \$25 million contract through the Army to promote, foster and connect a STEM-literate talent pool.

The five-year, HUBZone, indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (ID/IQ) contract, given to A3L by the Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory (CCDC-ARL), aims to highlight the need for a more diverse, highly competent STEM workforce from which the Army and other sources can draw.

Roya Maher, president and CEO of A3L Federal Works, said the contract and its output will have great meaning to both the youthful workforce of West Virginia and the federal government.

"It is such a meaningful contract for me," Maher said. "It is what I am passionate about. It's about STEM and promoting STEM. ... I am so excited. First of all, it's so important for our company. It's about creating that pipeline and making sure we have the talent in this country. ... We don't have the people that we need to do highly technical work, so I am passionate about that."

Maher explained that part of A3L's job with the contract will be to strengthen the network between CCDC and ARL and that of academia, industry and government agencies to facilitate the "exchange of scientific ideas, the production of knowledge and the development of a STEM workforce by carrying out the college STEM education and outreach programs on behalf of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Army."

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A3L also will manage, plan and execute the Army Research Laboratory's STEM education and outreach portfolio.

Maher said A3L, along with its subcontractors on the project — The EdVenture Group and E3 Federal Solutions, will be a part of the process with these STEM-trained students and workers from beginning to end.

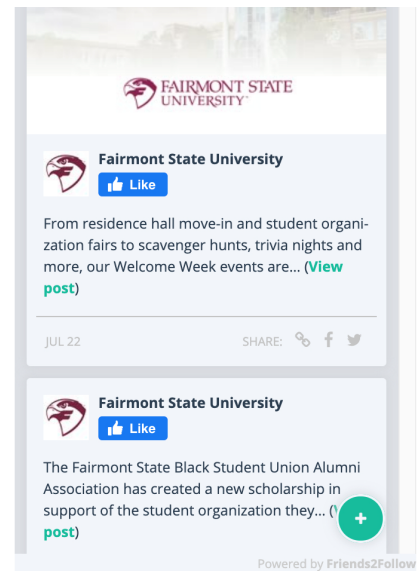
"We have to manage everything from giving them a stipend to ... selecting them to mentoring them," Maher said. "From A to Z, we're doing it for them."

Maher said her company applied for the contract well over a year ago, but only heard back from the Army earlier this month.

She expects to begin work on the contract within the next couple of months. Maher believes A3L Federal Works is the perfect company for the job.

"We understand and appreciate the mission of the Army's CCDC-ARL to strengthen the capabilities of the institution to conduct basic research and increase the quantity and quality of science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs with a focus on minority researchers and graduates," Maher said.

"Our team is able to help the Army achieve its programmatic objectives of expanding opportunities for schools to successfully compete for grants and contracts for basic and applied research, offering scholarships and internships to students pursuing degrees in STEM studies and leveraging existing relationships between (historically black colleges and universities) to inspire and engage diverse students in STEM studies," Maher said.

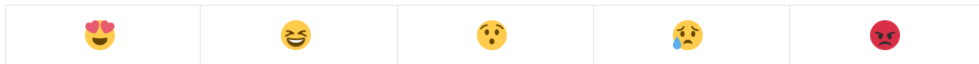


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