

## **USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack Commends CRI**

**McLean, VA – July 2, 2009 –** Communications Resource Inc and 5 other small businesses received honors at the USDA's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization awards ceremony on June 18th. The July 17th edition of the *FSIS News & Notes*, prepared by the Congressional and Public Affairs Office, reported that "Communications Resource, Inc. earned the Small Business Contractor of the Year award and was commended by Secretary Tom Vilsack for supporting FSIS with security, surveillance and counterterrorism services that included a secure credentialing procedure."

According to *News and Notes*, "The annual event recognizes companies and people who provide top services and products to the USDA."

Below, OSDBU Director Quinton Robinson gives CRI Director Mark Schneider the award. Looking on are Alma Hobbs, deputy assistant secretary for administration, USDA; and Karen Messmore, deputy assistant administrator, FSIS.



From left: Alma Hobbs, Adam Mohenke, Jennifer Purcell, Mark Schneider, Quinton Robinson, Karen Messmore and Deborah Beacher

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