

## National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors

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### National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors (NAOC) Expands Federal Government Relations Program

*NAOC selects Brown Rudnick to build bipartisan Congressional support on issues related to military munitions response services*

**Washington, D.C., August 13, 2007** – The National Association of Ordnance and Explosive Waste Contractors (NAOC) today announced that it has retained Brown Rudnick to augment and manage its federal government relations program. Brown Rudnick's Washington DC Government Law & Strategies Group will assist the NAOC Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee with public policy and advocacy strategies. Specifically, Brown Rudnick will serve as a legislative representative to build bipartisan Congressional support for environmental issues associated with the Operational Range and Military Munitions Response Programs.

The NAOC represents and promotes the interests of its members and the public in all aspects of military munitions response services. NAOC members regularly perform characterization and cleanup of sites contaminated with munitions and explosives of concern (MEC), including unexploded ordnance (UXO). According to NAOC President Heather Polinsky, "NAOC's primary goal is to act as one industry voice on issues related to military munitions response services. Fostering government-industry partnerships through active dialogue with government agencies and officials is key to advancing our mission. When we looked to augment our current government relations program, we turned to Brown Rudnick. The DC team has over a century of collective experience in Washington, with in-depth knowledge of Congress, its members and their staff and a proven track record of success on behalf of their clients."

Ruth Ravitz Smith, a Principal in Brown Rudnick's Government Law & Strategies Group, will act as the NAOC team leader. She will be joined by a dynamic team of bipartisan Capitol Hill advocates, including fellow principals Michael Lewan, Doyce A. Boesch, and James J. Bonham.

#### **About The National Association of OEW Contractors (NAOC)**

The National Association of OEW Contractors (NAOC) is a tax-exempt professional association of firms that actively support and participate in the Military Munitions Response Community. Membership is

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open to all companies which perform MEC/UXO investigations, studies, or remediation, or which works in a field related to or supporting explosive waste services.

The basic objectives of NAOC are to represent and promote the interests of its members and the public in the field of military munitions response activities. These objectives include having NAOC serve as industry's spokesman for the munitions response contractors; provide communications with governmental agencies; promote the quality, effectiveness and safety of MEC-related work and coordinate with technology providers to focus their efforts on developments which will benefit members and clients. For more information about the NAOC, please visit [www.naoc.org](http://www.naoc.org).

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