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### **Whitestone Awarded Disaster Relief Contract for Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands**

Columbus, OH — October 2 — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded a Blanket Purchase Agreement for Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands hurricane relief to The Whitestone Group, Inc. Whitestone, a physical security company and a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business based in Columbus, Ohio, provides physical security for federal facilities in the United States and its Territories. The contract is for a duration of 1 ½ years and allows DHS to acquire armed security services from Whitestone at any time during the contract period. “We are ready when called on to provide our services to DHS,” said John Clark, President and CEO of Whitestone. “We have the ability to not only provide these services to Government agencies, but also to house, feed and equip our Protective Security Officers when deployed to hurricane ravaged sites or other devastated areas,” Clark added.

Working out of his home, Clark founded Whitestone in April 2000. Since then, the company has grown rapidly and has made its mark as one of the nation’s premier providers of security services to the federal government.

Whitestone has federal government contracts spanning the continental United States and its territories. They are responsible for protecting some of this country’s greatest assets and critical infrastructure such as the Hoover Dam, the FAA, the US Coast Guard, NASA, FEMA, the Social Security Administration, the Veterans Administration and the EPA.

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