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## Aspetto, Inc Awarded SBA 8(a) Small Business Certification

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Fredericksburg, VA, January 16th, 2019 – Aspetto, Inc. has been certified by the Small Business Administration (SBA) as an 8(a) Certified Small Business. Aspetto received this coveted certification after a rigorous application process to ensure that all the standards are met. 8(a) Certification provides a level playing field for small business owned by socially and economically disadvantaged people or entities, the government limits competition for certain contracts to businesses that participate in the 8(a) Business Development Program.

Disadvantaged businesses in the 8(a) program can:

- Compete for set-aside and sole-source contracts in the program
- Get a Business Opportunity Specialist to help navigate federal contracting
- Form joint ventures with established businesses through the SBA's mentor-prote?ge? program

• Receive management and technical assistance, including business training, counseling, marketing assistance, and high-level executive development

"We are extremely excited to be a part of this program," said Abbas Haider, President and CEO. "This will not only allow us to secure contracts previously out of our reach but also help further establish partnerships with a variety of companies. We will continue to deliver and further prove that we offer the highest quality products and professional services to all Aspetto customers, whether local, state or federal agencies, and additionally display our continued timely deliverance of these quality products."

Aspetto has seen exponential growth over the years and plans to expand a Cyber Security division, offer IT services, and explore other technological advancements such as drone capabilities. In addition to their continued investment in lightweight armor capabilities, the Aspetto team continues to explore other channels where they ultimately look forward to building partnerships. In good standing as a GSA contract holder, Aspetto remains vigilant in acquiring products to better serve the federal government this 2019 and beyond.

In business for over 10 years, Aspetto, Inc is known for creating America's first bullet-resistant clothing line and their very own quick-release; the Aspetto KWIQ Clip. Aspetto's product line includes, body armor, ballistic walls, helmets, shields, bomb suits, armored vehicles, and a variety of tactical and concealable gear. The Aspetto management team brings years of experience in clandestine clothing and reaffirms their mission to maximize customer satisfaction with the manufacturing of quality products that increase operator efficiency.

If you would like more information or would like to schedule a meeting at SHOT 2019, please contact Walter Clarke, VP Govt. Sales at; <u>walter.clarke@aspettoinc.com</u>.



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