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**Local Business Owner, Alex Cates, Named to NSBA Leadership Council**

**Parker, Colorado** – Alex Cates, Orion Managed Services, LLC. (Orion), with its headquarters in Walnut Creek, CA was recently named to the National Small Business Association (NSBA) Leadership Council. NSBA is the nation’s oldest small-business advocacy organization, and operates on a staunchly nonpartisan basis. Cates, a recognized leader in the small-business community, joins the NSBA Leadership Council alongside other small-business advocates from across the country as they work to promote the interests of small business to policymakers in Washington, D.C.

“As a small-business owner, I see daily the importance of being involved and active when it comes to laws and regulation,” stated Cates. “Joining NSBA’s Leadership Council will enable me to take our collective small-business message to the people that need to hear it most: Congress.”

Cates is a Texas A&M College of Architecture graduate who started out in the architectural design space. He moved into environmental contracting field in 2004 and has spent the last nine years in the professional services industry supporting national and multinational industrial clients as a global service and area operations leader before he and his business partners launched Orion in 2020.

Cates joined the NSBA Leadership Council as part of his efforts to tackle the many critical issues facing small business, including tax reform, regulatory restraint, health care costs and how the Affordable Care Act will impact small business. The NSBA Leadership Council is focused on providing valuable networking between small-business advocates from across the country while ensuring small business a seat at the table as Congress and regulators take up key small-business proposals.

“I am proud to have Alex Cates as part of our Leadership Council,” stated NSBA President and CEO Todd McCracken. “He came to us highly recommended, and I look forward our coordinated efforts for years to come.”

Please click here to learn more about Alex Cates & [Orion Managed Services, LLC.](#)

For more on the NSBA Leadership Council, please visit [www.nsba.biz](http://www.nsba.biz)

Orion is a professional advisory and field services company supporting utilities and industrial clients in responding to environmental challenges including wildfire and asset risk. We bring new perspectives and leverage our industry partnerships to solve everyday business challenges in vegetation management, asset hardening, safety, capital projects, program management, transmission and distribution asset inspection, and quality verification. Our founders are a team of professionals with diverse backgrounds in utility operations, capital project and program management, process and operational excellence, and technology enablement.

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