Colorado Springs, CO – March 3, 2014 – Dr. Alison Brown, President and CEO of NAVSYS Corporation was appointed as Chair of the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Region VIII Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board. Dr. Brown was appointed in 2012 to a three year term to the Board and will assume the leadership role as Chair from February 2014 to February 2015. Region VIII’s headquarters is in Denver, Colorado, and serves the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Reporting to the SBA National Ombudsman, there are ten regional Regulatory Fairness Boards, with five members on each board. The Regulatory Fairness Boards work with small business owners all over the country. The members provide independent advice and recommendations regarding issues of unfair and/or excessive regulatory enforcement while helping to ensure that small businesses have the tools they need to grow, expand, and create jobs.

Acting SBA Administrator, Jeanne Hulit, who made the appointment, wrote “SBA is fortunate to have Regulatory Fairness Board members who are committed to serving the small business community. SBA depends on Regional Chairs for strong leadership, creative thinking, and collaboration with their respective boards and counterparts. Thank you … for taking on this important role.”

A long time small business advocate, Dr. Brown stated about her new position, “I am very pleased to have the opportunity to support Brian Castro, the National Ombudsman and Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Enforcement Fairness, and work with the SBA Office of National Ombudsman and my peers on the Regulator Fairness Board towards enforcing effective and fair implementation of federal regulations for small businesses in the United States.”

NAVSYS Corporation, founded in 1986 by Dr. Alison Brown, has business locations in Colorado Springs and Salida Colorado. NAVSYS is a research and development small business, focusing on global navigation technologies. The company specializes in global positioning systems, inertial navigation systems, and communication systems for both military and commercial applications.

Dr. Brown also serves as a Board Member of the Small Business Technology Council, the Mountain States Employer Council, the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), and is a Member of NDIA's Board of Trustees and Small Business Executive Committee. She is a member of the International Women’s Forum, the Cosmos Club and the GPS World Advisory Board. She has three times chaired the District 13 Rhodes Scholar selection board. She served two terms on the Scientific Advisory Board for the U.S. Air Force from 1994 – 2003. Dr. Brown has been selected as Entrepreneur of the Year by Colorado’s Celebrate Technology, and as a Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts Mile-Hi Council.