



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

# All Small Business Mentor Protégé Program

**Purpose-** The SBA small business mentor-protégé program is designed to enhance the capabilities of protégé firms by requiring approved mentors to provide business development assistance to protégé firms and to improve the protégé firms' ability to successfully compete for federal contracts.

**Requirement-** The mentor and protégé firms must enter into a written agreement and obtain SBA approval, as described in 13CFR§125.9

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**Duration-** Relationship lasts 3 years, with a 3-year extension, and is reviewed annually to ensure protégé is receiving identified assistance and contracts are being properly performed by appropriate parties.

**How to Apply-** Application for SBA approval of a Mentor-Protégé agreement must be submitted through [www.certify.sba.gov](http://www.certify.sba.gov)

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## Benefits of the Program

- Small Business can receive assistance from the Mentor with:
  - Management and technical assistance
  - Financial Assistance
  - Contracting Assistance
  - Trade education
  - Business Development Assistance
  - General and/or Administrative Assistance
  - SBA Approved Mentor Protégé can form a joint venture and pursue small business set-asides

# Joint Ventures

**Definition-** A joint venture (JV) is an association of individuals and/or concerns with interests in any degree or proportion consorting to engage in and carry out no more than three specific or limited-purpose business ventures for joint profit over a two year period.

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## Benefits for Small Businesses-

- Increased capacity, i.e. financial, bonding, personnel
- Allows small business to obtain past performance and experience
- Opens doors for new opportunities

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