

PART 919—SMALL BUSINESS

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919.000 Scope.

This part implements and supplements FAR Part 19 for Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) acquisitions. All FAR references in this part are to be read as implemented through the DOE and NNSA class deviations that implemented the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul at DOE and NNSA.

Subpart 919.2—Policies

919.201 General policy.

(c) The Director, Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP), Headquarters, is responsible for the administration of the Department of Energy (DOE) small and small business socioeconomic programs. This includes responsibility for developing, implementing, executing, and managing these programs, providing advice on these programs, and representing DOE before other Government agencies on matters primarily affecting small and socioeconomic small business concerns. The Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, is responsible for the administration of the Commission's small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small business programs. The Heads of Contracting Activities (HCAs) appoint small business specialists.

Subpart 919.5 [Reserved]

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919.503 [Reserved]

Subpart 919.6—Certificates of Competency and Determinations of Eligibility

919.602-1 Referral.

(a)(2) Coordinate with the small business specialist and the SBA procurement center representative prior to referring a determination of nonresponsibility of a small business to the SBA Area Office.

Subpart 919.7—The Small Business Subcontracting Program

919.705-6 Postaward responsibilities of the contracting officer.

Provide copy of the notification required by FAR 19.302-3(a) to OSBP.

Subpart 919.8 [Reserved]

919.805-2 [Reserved]

Subpart 919.70—The Department of Energy Mentor-Protege Program

Source: 65 FR 21369, Apr. 21, 2000, unless otherwise noted.

919.7001 Scope of subpart.

DOE's Mentor-Protege Program encourages DOE prime contractors to assist small business concerns – particularly socioeconomic small businesses(i.e., veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBzone small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), and other minority institutions (MI) – in enhancing their capabilities to compete for and perform DOE and other Federal contracts and subcontracts by fostering business relationships that expand the number of small entities that receive DOE contracts and subcontracts.

919.7002 [Reserved]

919.7003 General policy.

(a) Eligible DOE contractors may enter into agreements with small business concerns, particularly socioeconomic small business concerns, HBCUs, and MIs to provide developmental assistance that helps Proteges build their capabilities.

(b) Costs incurred by a Mentor to provide developmental assistance, as described in 919.7011, are allowable only to the extent that they are incurred in performance of a contract identified in the Mentor-Protege Agreement and are otherwise allowable in accordance with the cost principles applicable to that contract.

(c) The DOE Headquarters OSBP is the Program Manager for the Mentor-Protege Program, and, with contracting officer concurrence, the review and approval authority for all agreements, including any extensions.

919.7004 Limitations.

The term (length) of a mentor-protégé agreement may not exceed an initial period of three years; however, the initial term may be extended in one-year increments for up to a total period not exceeding five (5) years, with each extension subject to the approval of OSBP and concurrence of the contracting officer.

919.7005 Eligibility to be a Mentor.

To be eligible as a Mentor under the DOE Mentor-Protégé Program, an entity must be performing at least one DOE contract.

919.7006 [Reserved]

919.7007 Eligibility to be a Protege.

(a) To be eligible for selection as a Protege, a firm must—

(1) Be a small business, a small disadvantaged business, Historically Underutilized Business Zone small business, economically disadvantaged women-owned small business / women-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, or HBCU and MI, as defined in FAR 2.101;

(2) Be eligible to receive government contracts;

(3) Have been in business for at least two (2) years prior to application for enrollment into the Mentor-Protege Program; and

(4) Be a small business according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for the services or supplies to be provided by the Protege under its subcontract with the Mentor.

(b) A prospective Mentor may rely in good faith on written representations by a prospective Protege that the Protege meets the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section.

919.7008 Selection of Proteges.

(a) The Mentor is responsible for selecting one or more eligible Proteges.

(b) A Mentor may have more than one Protege; however, a Protege may have only one Mentor.

(c) The selection of Proteges by Mentors is not subject to protest, except as provided in paragraph (d).

(d) Only protests regarding the small business size status of a firm to be a Protege will be considered. Protests should be sent to the DOE OSBP for resolution. If that office is unable to resolve a protest, it will refer the matter to SBA for resolution in accordance with 13 CFR part 121.

919.7009 [Reserved]

919.7010 [Reserved]

919.7011 Developmental assistance.

Forms of developmental assistance a Mentor may provide to a Protege include, but are not limited to— management guidance relating to financial management, organizational

management business planning, business development, and marketing; engineering and other technical assistance; awarding subcontracts without competition under DOE or other Federal contracts, if allowed; awarding subcontracts in the Mentor's commercial activities; making progress payments based on costs; allowing rent-free use of the Mentor's facilities or equipment; and temporarily assigning Mentor personnel to the Protege for training purposes.

919.7012 [Reserved]

919.7013 [Reserved]

919.7014 Solicitation provision.

Insert the provision at 952.219-70, DOE Mentor-Protege Program, in all solicitations with an estimated value in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold.

PART 952—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

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Source: 49 FR 12042, Mar. 28, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

[952.219-70 DOE Mentor-Protege program.](#)

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In accordance with 919.7014 insert the following provision in applicable solicitations.

DOE Mentor-Protege Program (DEVIATION JUN 2026)

The Department of Energy (DOE) has established a Mentor-Protege Program to encourage its prime contractors to assist small business concerns, particularly socioeconomic small business concerns, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Institutions enhance their ability to compete for and perform contracts and subcontracts for DOE and other Federal agencies. If the contract resulting from this solicitation is awarded on a cost-plus-award fee basis, the DOE may evaluate the Contractor's performance as a Mentor as part of the award fee plan. Mentor and Protege firms will develop and submit "lessons learned" evaluations to DOE at the conclusion of the contract. Any DOE contractor that is interested in becoming a Mentor should refer to the applicable regulations at DEAR Subpart [919.70](#) and contact the DOE's Office of Small Business Programs, at <https://www.energy.gov/osbp/office-small-business-programs>.