SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

SMALL-DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS (SDB) PROGRAM

- Eligibility for special bidding benefits, lower pricing, and cooperative arrangements with prime contractors that can translate into better credit and contracting terms. Prior evaluation required for SDBs.

- Access to subcontract with prime contractors.

- 51% or more unconditional and direct ownership of the business by and a minority-owned entity (SBD).

- Individual(s) must be US citizens. Persons born and raised in the US.

- Personal Net Worth must be less than $750,000, excluding personal residence and business-related property.

- According to the "Rule of Two," Contracting Officers may award contracts to socially disadvantaged businesses (other than U.S. citizens) that meet the eligibility requirements.

- Self-certification through registration in SAM.

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- Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program: To qualify for the WOSB program, businesses must demonstrate that 51% or more of their stock and voting power is held by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

- According to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, small businesses owned by Indian tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, Native Hawaiian Corporations, and Local Native American Corporations are eligible for the 8(a) Business Development Program.

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- Business Development: To qualify for the 8(a) Business Development Program, participants must be ongoing small businesses.

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- Size Requirements: The size standard is based on the concern's annual dollar volume of its primary NAICS code.

- Certification Process: For 8(a) certification, see 13 C.F.R. § 124.1002, 126.200, 126.201, and 126.203.

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- Rule of 2: Small businesses that are socially disadvantaged and have a 51% or more ownership interests in the business by a minority group that demonstrates economic disadvantage are eligible for the 8(a) Business Development Program.

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