



## SBA's Business Certification Programs

### 8(a) Small Businesses

#### Qualifications:

- Must have been subjected to social prejudice due to race, ethnic origin, gender, physical handicap, etc.
- Ownership and control at least 51% by socially/economically disadvantaged
- Personal assets limited to \$250,000 or below at time of program entry; later \$750,000 or below, excluding equity in home and business
- <http://training.sba.gov:8000/assessment>

#### Advantages:

- Sole-source contract awards up to \$3.5m
- Competitive contracts over \$3.5M if two or more 8(a) firms can compete
- SBA/Agency MOU goal of 3 percent

#### Certification:

- Through SBA
- Accomplished on line at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)
- Length – 9 years

### Small Disadvantaged Businesses

#### Qualifications:

- Must have been subjected to social prejudice due to race, ethnic origin, gender, physical handicap, etc.
- Ownership and control at least 51% by one prejudiced
- Ability to compete diminished due to these factors
- Personal assets limited to \$750,000 or below, excluding equity in home and business
- <http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/sdb/program/index.html>

#### Advantages:

- Eligible for price evaluation adjustments of up to 10 percent when bidding on federal contracts in certain industries.
- Evaluation credits for prime contractors who contract with SDB's
- Government-wide goal of 5 percent

#### Certification:

- Self-certification through CCR

### HUBZone

#### Qualifications:

- Principal office must be located in a "historically underutilized business zone" or HUBZone.
- Business must be owned and controlled by one or more US Citizens, and
- At least 35% of its employees must reside in a HUBZone.

#### Advantages:

- Competitive HUBZone contract -- if there are at least two qualified HZ SB's and award will be at fair market price.
- Sole source HUBZone contract – if qualified HUBZone small business is responsible, award must be at a fair price.
- Eligible for price evaluation preference of 10 percent on full and open competitive actions.
- Government-wide goal of 3 percent

#### Certification:

- Through SBA
- Can be accomplished on line at <https://eweb1.sba.gov/hubzone/internet/index.cfm>

### Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

#### Qualifications:

- 51% owned and controlled by a SDV or
- Spouse or permanent care-giver of such veteran
- At least 50% of personnel and mfg. materials must be provided by the SD

#### Advantages:

- Government-wide goal of 3 percent
- Set-asides for acquisitions over \$3,000 if two or more SDVOSB can compete.
- Sole source awards if only one can satisfy the requirement limited to \$5.5M for manufacturing or \$3.5M all other

#### Certification:

- Self-certifies on CCR
- May be required to show a DD 214
- [http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/gc/programs/gc\\_service\\_disabled.html](http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/gc/programs/gc_service_disabled.html)

### Small Woman-Owned Business

#### Qualifications:

- Must be at least 51% woman-owned/operated

#### Advantages:

- Government-wide goal of 5 percent
- Self-certification through CCR