



WHAT IS THE DOD MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM (MPP)?

The Department of Defense (DoD) Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) was established November 5, 1990 (Public Law 101-510) to provide incentives to major DoD contractors to furnish small disadvantaged business (SDB) concerns with assistance designed to enhance their capabilities to perform as subcontractors and viable suppliers under DoD Contracts and other Federal Government and commercial contracts. The program was reauthorized on November 25, 2015 (Public Law 114-92) and is congressionally mandated, funded, and managed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP).

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE MPP?

The MPP allows established firms (Mentors) to furnish technical and business assistance to Small Disadvantage Businesses, entities that employ the severely disabled persons, Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSB), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB), and Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUB Zone) Small Businesses. Incentives received by the Mentor are either a reimbursement or credit against subcontracting goals for costs incurred, or a hybrid of both. Incentives received by the Protégé are enhanced capabilities to perform as prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers under the DoD and other federal and commercial contracts, while establishing and fostering long-term business relationships with the DoD and prime contractors to the DoD.

DEFINITIONS

Severely Disabled Individuals The term ‘severely disabled individual’ means an individual who is blind (as defined in section 8501 of title 41, United States Code) or a severely disabled individual (as defined in such section).

Small Business Concern The term ‘small business concern’ has the meaning given such term under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)

Disadvantaged Small Business Concern The term ‘disadvantaged small business concern’ means a firm that has less than half the size standard corresponding to its primary North American Industry Classification System code, is not owned or managed by individuals or entities that directly or indirectly have stock options or convertible securities in the mentor firm, and is—

- a small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals;
- a business entity owned and controlled by an Indian tribe as defined by section 8(a)(13) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(13));
- a business entity owned and controlled by a Native Hawaiian Organization as defined by section 8(a)(15) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(15));
- a qualified organization employing severely disabled individuals;
- a small business concern owned and controlled by women, as defined in section 8(d)(3)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(3)(D));
- a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans (as defined in section 8(d)(3) of the Small Business Act [15 U.S.C. 637(d)(3)]); and
- a qualified HUBZone small business concern (as defined in section 3(p) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p)); or
- a small business concern that is a nontraditional defense contractor, as such term is defined in section 2302 of title 10, United States Code; or currently provides goods or services in the private sector that are critical to enhancing the capabilities of the defense supplier base and fulfilling key Department of Defense needs.

RESOURCES

DoD MPP Website: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sb/programs/mpp/>

DoD MPP Hotline: 571-372-6312

DoD MPP Email: dodmpp@osd.mil

What are the MPP Requirements?

To participate in the DoD MPP Program, Mentors and Protégés must comply with the following:

- Participants are solely responsible for choosing a counterpart
- Protégé can have ONLY ONE active agreement at a time
- Agreement costs cannot exceed \$1M per year
- Agreement period of performance typically does not exceed 3 years
- Participants must comply with all reporting and review requirements of the Program

References

Public Law 114-92
DFARS Subpart 219.71
DFARS Appendix I (“eye”)
DCMA-INST 142

Who can Participate?

DoD Mentors:

- Must be eligible for award(s) of Federal contracts
- Must have at least one active approved subcontracting plan negotiated with DoD or another Federal Agency pursuant to FAR 19.702
- Have expertise in an area of interest to DoD

DoD Protégés:

- Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs)
- An organization that employs severely disabled individuals
- Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs)
- Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVoSBs)
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone Small Business (HUBZones)
- A “nontraditional defense contractor” (10 US Code § 2302)



WHAT ARE THE AGREEMENT CRITERIA?

There are three types of agreements:

Reimbursement

An agreement in which developmental assistance costs incurred are reasonable, allocable and allowable expenses that will be reimbursed to the Mentor through a contract line item.

Credit

An agreement of which developmental assistance costs incurred are not directly reimbursed, but are applied under a Federal Agency subcontracting plan (FAR 19.702) towards SDB subcontracting goals in different multiples based on assistance provided.

Hybrid

An agreement using a combination of reimbursement and credit. Hybrid Agreements start out as credit agreements the first year and they can be modified to reimbursable agreements if approved by both Defense Contracts Management Agency and the applicable component organization.

- Identify clear, concise developmental objectives
- Show value to DoD
- Identify milestones
- Focus on technology transfer

WHAT ARE THE FOCUS & PRODUCTS?

FOCUS on Value to:

- DoD
- Warfighter
- Participating Services and Agencies' Strategic Plans
- DoD's Technology Areas of Interest

FOCUS on Products:

- Autonomous Systems
- Logistics
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Operational Energy
- Information Assurance
- GPS Technology
- Information Technology
- Telecommunications
- Cyber Initiatives
- ISO 9001-2000
- ISO/IEC 20000
- ISO/IEC 27000 series
- Capability Maturity Model Integration
- Robotics
- Satellite Services
- Systems Engineering
- Aerospace Manufacturing
- Chemical & Biological Defense

How and where do I submit my MPP application?

On our Resources landing page you will find:
(www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sb/programs/mpp/index.shtml)

- A Mentor Application Template
- An Agreement Checklist
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
- List of participating DoD components (Contacts)

For approval to participate as a DOD Mentor, submit Mentor applications to DoD OUSD (AT&L) OSBP Office.

Credit agreement submissions should directly be forwarded to the Defense Contracts Management Agency (DCMA.)

Reimbursable agreement submissions should be forwarded to one of the participating Service Components or Defense Agencies.

For Hybrid Agreement submissions contact DCMA and email OSBP MPP at the email address listed below.

EMAIL: dodmpp@osd.mil

Who are the participating Service Components & Defense Agencies?

- US Department of the Army
- US Department of the Navy
- US Department of the Air Force
- Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)
- National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
- National Security Agency (NSA)
- Missile Defense Agency (MDA)