



## WHAT IS THE MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

The Department of Defense (DoD) Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) is designed to provide incentives for major DoD contractors to furnish disadvantaged small business 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

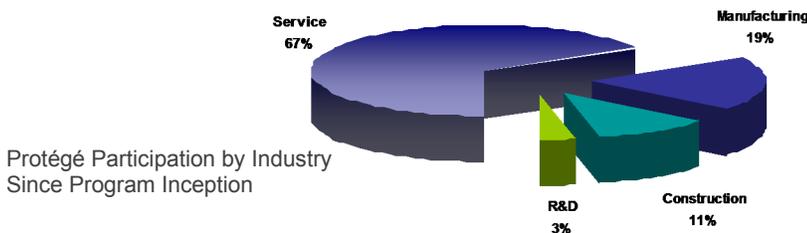
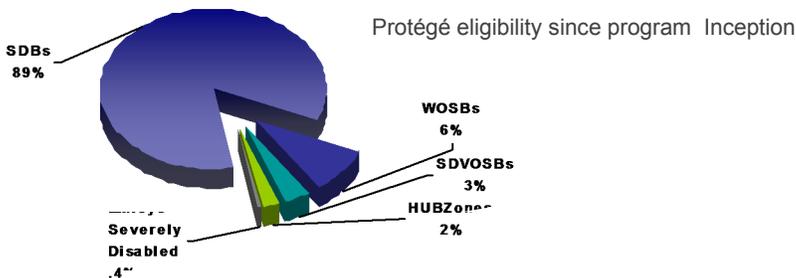
The program is congressionally mandated and funded, and is managed by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP).

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM

The Mentor-Protégé Program allows large firms (mentors) to furnish technical and business assistance to SDBs, entities that employ the severely disabled persons, WOSBs, SDVOSBs, and HUBZone (protégés).

The incentives received by the mentor are either a direct cost reimbursement or credit against subcontracting goals for costs incurred. The incentives received by the protégé are enhanced capabilities to perform as prime contracts and 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.

## ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION



### Definitions

**“Severely Disabled Persons”** - one who has a physical or mental disability which constitutes a substantial handicap to employment and which is of such a nature that the individual is otherwise prevented from engaging in normal competitive employment.

**“Small Disadvantage Business”** (a) An SDB concern as defined at 29.001, paragraph (1) of the definition of "small disadvantaged business concern"; (b) A business entity owned and controlled by an Indian tribe as defined in Section 8(a)(13) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)(13)); or (c) A business entity owned and controlled by a Native Hawaiian Organization as defined in Section 8(a)(15) of the Small Business Act.

**“Women-Owned Small Business”** - 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)).

**“Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business”** - 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)).

**“Historically Underutilized Business Zone”** - A qualified HUBZone small business concern as determined by the Small Business Administration in accordance with 13 CFR Part 126.

### References

- Public Law 101-510
- DFARS Subpart 219.71
- DFARS Appendix I

### Resources

DoD MPP Website:  
[www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sb/programs/mpp](http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sb/programs/mpp)

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## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

- Any of the following Disadvantaged Small Businesses or Organizations:
- Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs)
- An Organization that employs the severely Disabled
- Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs)
- Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB)
- Historically Under utilized Business Zones (HUBZones)

## WHAT ARE THE PARTICIPANT'S REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the DoD MP Program participants must comply with the following:

- Mentor firms must be eligible for the award of Federal Contracts
- Mentor firms must have at least one active approved subcontracting plan negotiated with DoD or another Federal Agency pursuant to FAR 19.702
- Participants are solely responsible for choosing a counterpart
- Protégé can have ONLY ONE active agreement
- Agreement costs can not exceed \$1M per year
- Agreement period of performance can not exceed 3 years
- Participants must comply with all reporting and review requirements of the Program

## CRITERIA FOR THE AGREEMENT

There are two types of agreements:

**Direct Reimbursed** – an agreement of which developmental assistant 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 Federal Agency subcontracting plan 19.703 towards SDB subcontracting goals in different multiples based on assistance provided.

Both agreement types must:

- Identify clear concise Metrics
- Identify milestones
- Show value to the DoD
- Focus on technical transfer (Reimbursable agreements specifically)

## PARTICIPATING SERVICES & 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)
- US Special Operations Command, (SOCOM)
- Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
- Missile Defense Agency (MDA)

### Where Do I Submit My MPP Application

- For approval to participate as a Mentor submit Mentor applications to DoD OUSD(AT&L)OSBP Office.
- Credit agreement submissions should be forwarded to the Defense Contracts Management Agency (DCMA)
- Reimbursable agreement submissions should be forwarded to one of the participating Services or Agencies.

### What are the Primary Focus & Products

#### FOCUS:

- Value to the DoD
- Value to the Warfighter
- Value to the participating Services and Agencies' Strategic plans
- Value and Support of DoD's Technology Road Map

#### PRODUCTS:

- Logistics
- ISO 9001-2000
- Manufacturing
- CMMI
- Environmental Remediation
- Robotics
- Lean Manufacturing
- Satellite Services
- Information Assurance
- System Engineering
- GPS Technology
- Aerospace manufacturing
- Chemical & Biological Defense
- Information Technology/Telecommunications
- Network Management & General IT Services

