

8(a)/SDB/HUBZone Certification Orientation

What are the 8(a) and SDB programs?

The SBA administers two business assistance programs for small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) looking to access the federal procurement market directly or indirectly; the 8(a) and the SDB Certification Programs.

The 8(a) program is a business development program to help small businesses gain a foothold in government contracting. Upon enrollment in this program, firms receive help with finding contracts, proposal preparation, and contract administration.

SDB certification is a business qualification program which helps make small firms eligible for special bidding benefits as a way to access more federal contracts and subcontracts. Companies which are 8(a) firms automatically qualify for SDB certification.

What are the basic requirements?

The applicant firm must be (1) a small business, (2) unconditionally owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and (3) demonstrate potential for success and (4) applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

This two-hour orientation program will teach business owners about the:

- **8(a) program** including:
 - ⇒ Benefits
 - ⇒ Eligibility
 - ⇒ Application procedure
- **HUBZone program** — provides urban and Rural companies with federal contracting benefits.
- **SDB program** — procedure, including benefits, eligibility, and application procedure.

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