



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES, ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, OTHER KEY OFFICIALS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES, AND FIELD FACILITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Department-wide Small Business Program Goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 and FY 2009

Below are the FY 2008 and FY 2009 Small Business Program Goals. Goals for this and next fiscal year are based on total procurement dollars spent and are shown below. These goals are realistic, attainable and take into consideration the realities and competing interests faced by VA acquisition professionals, program managers, and officials in carrying out our mission.

Department-wide Small Business Program Goals for FY 2008 and FY 2009

Small Business 28.7%

In addition, specific goals based upon total procurement dollars have been established for the following subcategories of small business:

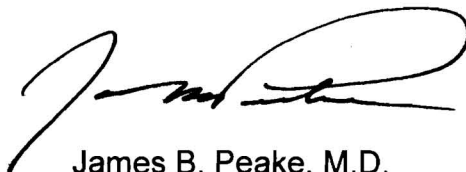
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business	7%
Veteran-Owned Small Business	10%
Small Disadvantaged Business (includes Section 8(a))	5%
Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Zone Small Business	3%
Women-Owned Small Business	5%

The service-disabled veteran-owned small business and the veteran-owned small business goal are established pursuant to Section 8127(a) of 38 U.S.C., and are applicable to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) prime contract awards and subcontracts awarded by large business VA prime contractors.

The Department has a long history of supporting small business programs in serving our Nation's veterans. I am proud to lend my support to ensuring maximum practicable opportunities exist in VA acquisitions for small businesses, especially those owned by veterans. Not only is contracting with veteran-owned small businesses a natural extension of the Department's mission, it is good business to spend VA's acquisition dollars to create economic opportunities within the very community we are charged with serving.

In FY 2007, VA exceeded both the service-disabled veteran-owned and veteran-owned small business goals, making VA the clear leader in the Federal community in contracting with veteran entrepreneurs. Although we can all be proud of these important accomplishments, we must continue our efforts to improve upon them. Our FY 2008 and FY 2009 goals strengthen VA's commitment to veteran entrepreneurs and will further challenge and motivate VA's dedicated workforce. Deputy Secretary Gordon H. Mansfield and I are personally committed to ensuring VA remains the Federal leader in contracting with veteran entrepreneurs.

Thank you for your continued support of small businesses and veteran entrepreneurs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James B. Peake", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

James B. Peake, M.D.