PPD Alert

8(a) Credit for Multiple Award Schedules Orders

Contracting Activities can now count their orders with 8(a) vendors under Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) Contracts toward their achievements under the Procurement Preference Program (PPP) goals. These orders will count toward the small business procurement goals as awards made pursuant to the provisions of section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

The General Services Administration (GSA) has established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Small Business Administration which allows orders under MAS contracts with 8(a) firms to be counted in meeting the Agency's PPP goals. The MOU is effective
June 7, 2000, and allows GSA to apply its MAS contracting policies, procedures and regulations when evaluating offers, awarding contracts, and administering orders pursuant to the MOU. All Federal Supply Schedules will be covered by the MOU.

Mandatory Requirement: The 8(a) vendor must be listed as an 8(a) concern in the Schedules E-Library on the date that the order is executed. Contracts awarded to 8(a) concerns under full and open competition do not meet this requirement and the concern must be classed as a Small, Disadvantaged Business (SDB). The 8(a) vendor must have elected to have its GSA contract awarded as an 8(a) contract. Remember, to qualify, the following conditions must
be met-

8(a) Concern	The vendor must be listed as an 8(a) concern in the schedules E-Library. All orders against the contract may be counted toward an agency's 8(a) contract award.
SDB Concern	The vendor is listed as a SDB concern in the schedules E-Library. The orders may not be counted as an 8(a) award. Instead, those orders would be counted as an award to a "SDB".

The 8(a) firm submitting an offer under the MAS as an 8(a) program participant is required to be listed in the E-Library as "8(a)" not "SDB". Contracts designated as 8(a) contracts may be identified by reviewing the firm's contract information at http://www.fss.gsa.gov/schedules.

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