

**SUBPART 219.7—THE SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PROGRAM**  
*(Revised March 23, 2005)*

**219.702 Statutory requirements.**

(a) Section 834 of Pub. L. 101-189, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637 note), requires DoD to establish a test program to determine whether comprehensive subcontracting plans on a corporate, division, or plant-wide basis will reduce administrative burdens while enhancing subcontracting opportunities for small and small disadvantaged business concerns.

(i) The test program—

(A) Will be conducted—

(1) From October 1, 1990, through September 30, 2010;

(2) In accordance with the DoD test plan, “Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans”; and

(3) By the military departments and defense agencies through specifically designated contracting activities; and

(B) Permits contractors selected for participation in the test program by the designated contracting activities to—

(1) Negotiate plant, division, or company-wide comprehensive subcontracting plans instead of individual contract subcontracting plans; and

(2) Use the comprehensive plans when performing any DoD contract or subcontract that requires a subcontracting plan.

(ii) During the test period, comprehensive subcontracting plans will—

(A) Be negotiated on an annual basis by the designated contracting activities;

(B) Be incorporated by the contractors' cognizant contract administration activity into all of the contractors' active DoD contracts that require a plan;

(C) Be accepted for use by contractors participating in the test, whether performing at the prime or subcontract level; and

(D) Not be subject to application of liquidated damages during the period of the test program (Section 402, Pub. L. 101-574).

**219.703 Eligibility requirements for participating in the program.**

(a) Qualified nonprofit agencies for the blind and other severely disabled, that have been approved by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48), are eligible to

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participate in the program as a result of 10 U.S.C. 2410d and Section 9077 of Pub. L. 102-396 and similar sections in subsequent Defense appropriations acts. Under this authority, subcontracts awarded to such entities may be counted toward the prime contractor's small business subcontracting goal.

(2)(A) To be eligible as an SDB subcontractor, a concern must meet the definition in 219.001.

(B) To be eligible as a historically black college or university or minority institution subcontractor, such entity must meet the definition in the clause at 252.219-7003, Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts).

(b) A contractor may also rely on the written representation as to status of—

(i) A historically black college or university or minority institution; or

(ii) A qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or other severely disabled approved by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

#### **219.704 Subcontracting plan requirements.**

(a)(1) The goal for use of small disadvantaged business concerns shall include subcontracts with historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions (see Subpart 226.70), in addition to subcontracts with small disadvantaged business concerns. Subcontracts with historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions do not have to be included in the small disadvantaged business goal in commercial items subcontracting plans.

(4) In those subcontracting plans which specifically identify small, small disadvantaged, and women-owned small businesses, prime contractors shall notify the administrative contracting officer of any substitutions of firms that are not small, small disadvantaged, or women-owned small businesses for the firms listed in the subcontracting plan. Notifications shall be in writing and shall occur within a reasonable period of time after award of the subcontract. Contractor-specified formats shall be acceptable.

#### **219.705 Responsibilities of the contracting officer under the subcontracting assistance program.**

##### **219.705-2 Determining the need for a subcontracting plan.**

(d) See 215.304 for unique DoD requirements.

##### **219.705-4 Reviewing the subcontracting plan.**

(d) Challenge any subcontracting plan that does not contain positive goals and consider the extent to which an offeror plans to use competition restricted to historically black colleges and universities or minority institutions. A small disadvantaged business goal of less than five percent must be approved one level above the contracting officer.

**219.706 Responsibilities of the cognizant administrative contracting officer.**

(a)(i) The contract administration office also is responsible for reviewing, evaluating, and approving master subcontracting plans.

(ii) The small business specialist supports the administrative contracting officer in evaluating a contractor's performance and compliance with its subcontracting plan.

**219.708 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.**

(b)(1)(A) Use the clause at 252.219-7003, Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts), in solicitations and contracts that contain the clause at FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

(B) In contracts with contractors which have comprehensive subcontracting plans approved under the test program described in 219.702(a), use the clause at 252.219-7004, Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (Test Program), instead of the clauses at 252.219-7003, Small, Small Disadvantaged and Women-Owned Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts), and FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

(2) In contracts with contractors that have comprehensive subcontracting plans approved under the test program described in 219.702(a), do not use the clause at FAR 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages--Subcontracting Plan.

(c)(1) Do not use the clause at FAR 52.219-10, Incentive Subcontracting Program, in contracts with contractors that have comprehensive subcontracting plans approved under the test program described in 219.702(a).