

Strategic Plan to Implement Executive Order 13360

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Agency's Strategy

- The strategy to implement the policy of Executive Order 13360 shall be publicly available on SSA's Office of Acquisition and Grants' Internet page.
- The development and implementation of the Agency's strategy and achievements in furtherance of the strategy shall be included as significant elements in the performance plans of SSA's designated senior-level official, the Associate Commissioner, Office of Acquisition and Grants (OAG) and the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).
- Agency contracts that have previously been awarded to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses shall be reserved exclusively for the program as either a non-competitive or set-aside acquisition.
- In order to encourage service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses to participate in competitions for award of Agency contracts, SSA's contracting staff will:
 - o send FedBizOpps notices to a list of service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses provided by the Veterans Administration (VA);
 - o solicit at least one service-disabled veteran-owned small business on any full and open competition;
 - o require acquisition professionals to first consider the General Services Administration's (GSA) Government-Wide Acquisition Contract for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses when soliciting from the Federal Supply Schedule;
 - o provide the Director, OSDBU access to FedBizOpps to release sources sought synopses; and
 - o mandate that Regional Contracting Officers adhere to this strategy.

- The Associate Commissioner, OAG and the Director, OSDBU will meet with a number of the Agency's largest contractors to encourage them to identify service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns for a mentor-protégé relationship.
- The acquisition workforce will receive necessary Defense Acquisition University training courses on applicable law and policies relating to participation of service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses in Federal contracting.
- SSA will disseminate information that would assist service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses in participating in the acquisition process by creating a web page exclusively for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses with links to the VA, GSA and the Small Business Administration.