

APD ALERT

VSB & SDB

SUSPENDED!

Very Small Business (VSB) Set-Aside (FAR 19.9) and

Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB)

Price Evaluation Adjustments (FAR 19.11)

The above authorities were suspended on June 5, 2004, as a result of the expiration of statutory authority. (See AGAR Advisory 66.) FAR 19.9, 19.11, 19.1307(d) and related clauses in FAR Part 52 are suspended and shall not be used. This suspension is effective immediately and will remain in effect until Congress reauthorizes these provisions at a later time.

The VSB set-aside (FAR 19.9) sought to increase contracting opportunities for VSB concerns through a set-aside restricted to VSB concerns.

The SDB Price Evaluation Adjustment (FAR 19.11) provided for the application of a price adjustment factor where the SDB concern was the prime contractor.

The SDB Participation Program (FAR 19.12) is not affected by these suspensions. The 5 percent Governmentwide procurement preference goal for SDB concerns remains in effect as it is authorized by other statutory authority, specifically Public Law 95-507.

If there are any existing contracts awarded after June 5, 2004, that were subject to a price evaluation adjustment, please notify Theresa Stephens of the APD Policy Branch. E-mail tstephens@ars.usda.gov.

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