



Department of Education	CURRENT STATUS (As of July 25, 2007)		PROGRESS (As of July 25, 2007)		COMMENTS
<p><b>Initiative</b></p> <p><b>SMALL BUSINESS PROCUREMENT</b></p> <p><b>Agency Lead:</b></p> <p>Dr. Kristi Wilson Hill, Director, OSDBU for Education</p>	  Red	<p><b>GREEN STANDARDS</b></p> <p>__ Meets the small business goal, at least 3 socio-economic goals, and shows improvement in the remaining 2 goals.</p> <p>__ Meets all Yellow standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. __ Meets the small business goals, at least 2 additional socio-economic goals, and improves in at least one of the unmet goals. Credit can also be given for meeting 4 goals, regardless of which ones they are.</li> <li>2. <u>X</u> Has implemented a strategy to increase the number of competitively awarded contracts to small businesses.</li> <li>3. ___ Has demonstrated top-level Agency commitment to small business contracting.</li> <li>4. <u>X</u> Has a comprehensive small business program that includes written policies and procedures focused on improving the competitive environment and increasing small business participation in the procurement process.</li> <li>5. <u>X</u> Has small business goal achievement as a rating element for acquisition personnel.</li> <li>6. <u>X</u> Works cooperatively with SBA on outreach and targeting initiatives.</li> <li>7. <u>X</u> Meets deadlines for all required strategic plans and annual reports due to SBA.</li> <li>8. <u>X</u> Has a process to ensure small business data is accurately reported in FPDS-NG.</li> <li>9. <u>X</u> Enforces small business subcontracting plans and meets subcontracting goals.</li> </ol>	  Yellow	<p><u>Actions taken this quarter:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The agency <b>did not</b> meet its small business goal but improved in two unmet goals .</li> <li>2. The agency has implemented an aggressive strategy to increase the number of competitively awarded contracts to small businesses.</li> <li>3. The agency <b>did not</b> provide sufficient evidence to warrant an acceptable score on their response.</li> <li>4. The agency does have a comprehensive business Program in place.</li> <li>5. The agency has built-in goal achievement requirements in their executive management's performance plans and internal scorecard mechanisms to ensure increased accountability.</li> <li>6. The agency's OSDBU coordinates with SBA in 8(a) orientation and match-making events to further outreach and marketing initiatives.</li> <li>7. The agency submitted all plans and reports by the required deadlines.</li> <li>8. The agency regularly verifies its small business data in FPDS-NG for accuracy. The agency also uses internal and external reports as a tool to rectify discrepancies found in the FPDS-NG system.</li> <li>9. The agency does have a system in place to enforce small business subcontracting plans and goal expectations.</li> </ol>	<p>Education did not meet any of its 5 goals nor met all of its yellow standards (Evaluation Response # 3).</p>