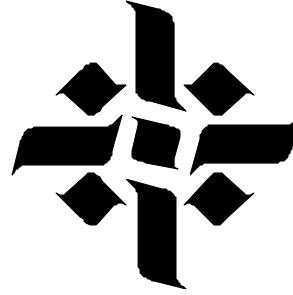


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Competitiveness Demonstration Program: Set-Aside Authority for Fiscal Year 2006



The set-aside policy for the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program for FY 2006 supersedes all previous set-aside policies for this Program. The policy covers the period from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, unless superseded by a memorandum from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).

I. DESIGNATED INDUSTRY GROUPS (DIG's)

Set-Asides for Small Business Concerns

Small business set-asides shall be instituted for the North American Industry Classification (NAICS) Codes and Product/Services Codes (PSC) under the Competitiveness Demonstration Program as listed in Attachment 1. Acquisition of the listed Designated Industry Groups (DIG's) that require a set-aside for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) shall be conducted under the small business set-aside authority.

Set-Aside Priority for 8(a), HUBZone, SDVOSB and Emerging Small Businesses (ESB).

The 8(a), Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone), and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) concerns shall have priority

in the awarding of all contracts under the Competitiveness Demonstration Program. All procurements under the ESB reserve threshold shall be set-aside for competition by ESB concerns for architect-engineering services (\$50,000 and below) and all others (\$25,000 and below).

Full and Open Competition

Procurement, on an unrestricted basis, is authorized for all requirements for any NAICS or PSC code that has not been reserved for small businesses subject to the paragraph above.

II. Targeted Industry Categories (TIC's)

All acquisitions of products in the TIC's are required to be set-aside for exclusive participation by small business concerns. TIC's are listed in Attachment 2. All TIC procurements, regardless of dollar value, shall continue to be considered for small business set-aside, 8(a), HUBZone, and SDVOSB concerns.

You should notify the USDA-OSDBU if a TIC requirement will not be set-aside for small business concerns. A copy of the solicitation and justification should be forwarded through the Research, Education, and Economics Coordinator.

Changes in the set-aside policy, if warranted, will be made by USDA-OSDBU after the yearly review period.

Questions regarding this issuance should be directed to Theresa Stephens, REE OSDBU Coordinator, on 301-504-1729 or e-mail tstephens@ars.usda.gov.

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Attachment 1

USDA ANNUAL SET-ASIDE POLICY – FY 2006 DESIGNATED INDUSTRY GROUPS (DIG's) AND TARGETED INDUSTRY CATEGORIES (TIC's)

DESIGNATED INDUSTRY GROUPS

The small business set-aside policy is applicable to solicitations issued for all of the NAICS codes listed below. Except for 8(a), HUBZone, SDVOSB's, and procurements within the established ESB reserve threshold (\$25,000) and (\$50,000 architect-engineering) all other DIG requirements over the reserve threshold shall be procured on an unrestricted basis.

Construction Groups (NAICS 236, 237, 238)

- 236210** Industrial Building Construction (**set-aside Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) only**)
- 236220** Commercial and Institutional Building Construction (**set-aside Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM) only**)
- 237310** Power and Communication Line and Related Structures Construction
- 237310** Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction (**set-aside APHIS only**)
- 238190** Other Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors (**set-aside ARS only**)
- 238210** Electrical Contractors (**set-aside OPPM only**)
- 238310** Dry Wall and Insulation Contractors
- 238990** All Other Specialty Trade Contractors (**set-aside Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) only**)

Architect-Engineering Services associated with NAICS 541310 or 541330 and PSC's listed below:

- C-115** - Industrial Buildings
- C-116** - Residential Buildings
- C-117** - Warehouse Buildings
- C-118** - Buildings & Facilities/RD Facilities

- C-119** - Buildings & Facilities/Other Buildings
- C-130** - Restoration
- C-211** - Architect-Engineering Services (including landscaping, interior layout, and designing)
- C-214** - A/E – Management Engineering (**set-aside 541330**)
- C-215** - A/E - Production Engineering (including design & control, and building programming)

Architect-Engineering Services associated with NAICS 541360 or 541370 and PSC's listed below:

- T009** Aerial Photographic Services (**set-aside Farm Service Agency only**)
- T014** Topography

Refuse Systems and Related Services associated with NAICS 562111, 562119, 562219 and PSCs listed below:

- 562111** Solid Waste Collection or (**set-aside APHIS only**)
- 562119** Other Waste Collection (**set-aside APHIS only**)
- PSC S205** Trash/Garbage Collection Services (including portable sanitation services)

Landscaping and Pest Control Services Associated with NAICS:

- 561710** Extermination and Pest Control Services (**set-aside OPPM only**)
- 561730** Landscaping Services (**set-aside OPPM only**)

TARGETED INDUSTRY CATEGORIES**Potential Standard Industrial Classification Codes Associated with Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) Codes for Targeted Industry Categories**

The following ten Targeted Industry Categories (TIC's) were previously selected for enhanced small business participation under the Competitiveness Demonstration Program. The products and services selected were drawn from industry categories that:

- received substantial purchases by the Federal Government;
- had less than 10 percent of annual purchases made from small businesses, and;
- had significant amounts of small business productive capacity that was not utilized by the Government.

<u>FPDS CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>POTENTIAL SIC</u>	<u>STANDARD: DOLLAR-BASED EMPLOYEE-BASED</u>
6810	Chemical Products	2813	1,000 EMP
		2819	1,000
		2836	500
		2869	1,000
		2879	500
		2891	500
7021	ADP Central Processing Units	3571	1,000
		5734	\$ 6.5
8105	Bags and Sacks	2299	500
		2673	500
		2674	500
8405	Outerwear for Men	2329	500
		2385	500
5820	Radio TV Equipment Except Airborne	3663	750
		5731	\$ 5.6
J070	Maintenance & Repair, ADP Equipment	7378	\$18.0

N070	Installation of ADP Equipment	7373	\$18.0
		7379	\$18.0
TO99	Other Photo/Mapping/Printing Services	2741	500
		2759	500
		7336	\$ 5.0
		7389	\$ 5.0
U006	Vocational/Technical Training	8249	\$ 5.0
		8299	\$ 5.0
		8331	\$ 5.0
W036	Leasing Special Industry Machinery	3555	500
		3823	500
		7359	\$ 5.0