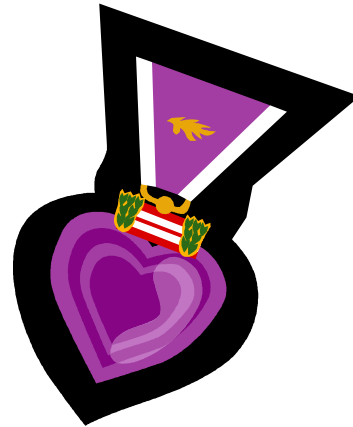


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Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Database and Goal



Executive Order 13360 established the requirement for Federal agencies to actively increase the number of prime and subcontracts awarded to service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB). The Order also directs Federal agencies to develop strategies for achieving the goals established for the Agency. The Department of Agriculture established a Procurement Preference Goal of 3 percent of total procurements to be awarded to SDVOSB's.

In order to help meet the established goal, a database of known SDVOSB's has been created to aid you in finding SDVOSB's to award your procurements. You can access the database at <http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/acquisitions/OSDBU-programs.htm>, and click on the link provided to open the database. Once opened, click on EDIT, then FIND, and type in your search criteria (example: NAICS codes or city or state, etc.).

This database is not all-inclusive. Many SDVOSB business owners may not be aware of the emphasis placed on their SDVOSB status. SDVOSB's are self-certified, and do not need certification from the Small Business Administration like 8(a) or HUBZone contractors. The contractors identified in this database are the result of a sources-sought synopsis and our outreach efforts, and report from the Federal Procurement Data System.

You should actively search for SDVOSB's. Ask whether the prospective contractor is a service-disabled veteran. If they have not registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) as an SDVOSB, encourage them to register or update their profile in CCR. Some of these contractors may have registered in the CCR when SDVOSB was not an identified preference category. It is important that the SDVOSB status be shown in CCR. No SDVOSB credit will be granted to ARS when the procurement award is entered in the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation if the record in CCR does not reflect the SDVOSB status. Remember, it is mandated by Federal Acquisition Regulation 4.11 that all contractors are active in CCR prior to award.

If you discover any SDVOSB's not identified in the database, please send the contractor's information to Angelia Fleming Loggie at aloggie@ars.usda.gov for inclusion on the database. This is especially important for a vendor you have identified as an SDVOSB who performs work other than information technology, since there is a heavy concentration of SDVOSB's in that area. If you have any questions regarding the Procurement Preference Goal for SDVOSB's, please contact Theresa Stephens on 301-504-1729. Thanks for your help in making this initiative successful.

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