

Affiliation
A Brief Overview of Some Basic Principles of Affiliation
as set forth in
SBA's Regulations and the Office of Hearings and Appeals Rulings

SBA has prepared a brief discussion paper of affiliation for interested parties. The overview provides some guidance on how affiliation affects a small business concern's eligibility for Federal government programs, such as SBA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. The discussion also provides some examples.

The discussion is not nor is it meant to be inclusive of each and every situation that could arise where affiliation might arise between two or more entities or persons.

The reader should review SBA's [Small Business Size Regulations](#) as well as SBA's [Office of Hearings and Appeals](#) decisions on affiliation.

Please see [affiliation_discussion.pdf](#).

For further information about small business size standards, please see SBA's [Guide to Size Standards](#), [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and [Glossary](#) about Small Business Size Standards. The Guide explains in general terms many issues. You may also contact an SBA Size Specialist, listed at the end of the discussion.
