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Who is the Small Business Administration?

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Serves the public in 3 primary roles:



1. **SBA Guaranteed Loan Programs**

- Open small business and entrepreneurial access to credit and capital
- SBIC program: licensed/funded investment companies through SBA



2. **Fair access to Federal government contracts**

- Small Business Act – created socio-economic programs
- Congress-mandated procuring agency contracting goals
- Oversight of buying agencies



3. **Counseling assistance via federally-funded partners**

- SCORE, SBDC's, WBC's, STEP, FAST, VBOC's, specialty programs: Startup-in-a-day, InnovateHer, Growth Accelerator Fund, etc..



Office of Advocacy/Ombudsman –

- Advocacy is the independent voice for small business in the federal government
- The Ombudsman assists small businesses that experience unfair federal regulatory enforcement actions



Disaster Assistance – Counseling and financial assistance for both businesses and homeowners who are rebuilding after a disaster

Surety Bonding – SBA guaranteed surety bonds to help small businesses win contracts



SBA's Role in Fair Access to Federal Contracts

Role of oversight and advocacy:



- SBA Scorecard
 - Monitor agency spending with socio-economic groups – report to Congress
- Small business regulations/policy making
 - Create and interpret regulations to create fairness for small businesses in the buying environment
- Procurement Center Representatives (PCRs) and Commercial Market Representatives (CMRs)
 - PCR: Role is to guide buying agencies to contract with small businesses
 - CMR: Role is to oversee large primes with subcontracting plans to be sure using small businesses
- Protest
 - Size or status protest
 - Certificate of Competency



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