



U.S. Small Business  
Administration

# SBA Updates

For Small Business Government Contracting  
Programs

Updated as of April 2026

# SBA Final Rule: HUBZone and Other Programs (cont.)

[89 FR 102448](#) (Dec. 17, 2024)

When does a small-business awardee recertify?

- After a merger, acquisition, or sale that results in a change in controlling interest (within 30 days)
- Prior to the 6th year and each option thereafter on long-term contracts
- When specifically requested by a contracting officer for a specific order
- Ineligible for award if disqualifying merger/sale occurs within 180 days of offer but before award

Impact of Disqualifying Recertification

- Single Award Contracts: can continue performing current contract and qualify for options/orders
- Multiple Award Contracts:
- Ineligible for set-aside orders, options after disqualifying recertification involving large business
- One-year grace period ends January 17, 2026
- Remains eligible for unrestricted orders
- Agency cannot count orders as small business awards

# SBIR/STTR Reauthorized after 6-month Lapse

S.3971, the [Small Business Innovation and Economic Security Act](#), was signed into law on April 13, 2026.

Key provisions include:

- Funding for both SBIR and STTR will run through September 30, 2031
- Strategic Breakthrough Awards
- National Security/Supply Chain Risk Screening
- Proposal Limits
- Phase III Improvements
- SBIR and STTR Data Reporting

# FAR Inflation Adjustment of Acquisition-Related Thresholds

[90 FR 41872](#) (Aug 27, 2025) (effective Oct. 1, 2025)

Description	Previous Threshold	Current (Increased) Threshold
Micropurchase threshold	\$10,000	\$15,000
Simplified Acquisition Threshold	\$250,000	\$350,000
8(a) justification threshold for sole-source awards to entity-owned participants and certain other sole-source awards	\$25 million (civilian agencies) \$100 million (DOW)	\$30 million (civilian agencies) \$150 million (DOW)
Subcontracting plan threshold	\$750,000 (\$1.5 million for construction)	\$900,000 (\$2 million for construction)
8(a) sole-source threshold	\$4.5 million (\$7 million for manufacturing)	\$5.5 million (\$8.5 million for manufacturing)
HUBZone sole-source threshold	\$4.5 million (\$7 million for manufacturing)	\$5.5 million (\$8.5 million for manufacturing)
Service-disabled veteran-owned small business sole-source threshold	\$4 million (\$7 million for manufacturing)	\$5 million (\$8 million for manufacturing)
Women-owned small business sole-source threshold	\$4.5 million (\$7 million for manufacturing)	\$5.5 million (\$8.5 million for manufacturing)

# New Certification Portal and Small Business Search Site

MySBACertifications - *One stop shop for all of SBA's small business certifications*

- <https://certifications.sba.gov/>

Small Business Search is live (*replaces DSBS*)

- <https://search.certifications.sba.gov/>
- [Small Business Search Help Guide](#)

# SBA Supports Domestic Manufacturing

- [March 2025 – SBA Announces Made in America Manufacturing Initiative](#) Effort will cut \$100B in regulation, expand access to capital and create dedicated infrastructure to support blue-collar boom
- [May 2025 – SBA Launches Onshoring Portal](#) New Tool Connects Small Businesses to Network of more than 1 Million Domestic Suppliers
- [September 2025 – SBA Launches the 7\(a\) Manufacturer’s Access to Revolving Credit \(MARC\) Loan Program](#) MARC Loans Will Expand Access to Credit Lines that Create Jobs, Onshore Production, and Support the Return of Industrial Dominance
- [September 2025 – SBA Waives Loan Fees for Small Manufacturers in FY26](#)
- [March 2026 – Made in America Loan Guarantee](#) 90% Loan Guarantee will Help Manufacturers Reshore American Industry, Jobs, and National Security

# Other Announcements

- [February 2025 – SBA Administrator’s Day One Priorities](#) Returned the Small Disadvantaged Business contracting goal to its statutory level of 5%
- [March 2025 – SBA Launched the Red Tape Hotline](#) The hotline gives small business owners a direct way to report federal regulations that hurt their ability to grow, compete, or innovate.
- [January 2026 – SBA Issues clarifying guidance that race-based discrimination is not tolerated in the 8\(a\) Program](#) In its totality, this guidance clarifies that the 8(a) Program is open to job creators of every race – consistent with court orders, notices from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and President Trump’s broader effort to eliminate DEI across the federal government
- [March 2026 - SBA Bans Foreign Nationals from Accessing SBA-backed Loans](#) Small business owners applying for any SBA loan program must be U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals with their principal residence in the United States.
- [March 2026 – Working Capital Loans for U.S. Homebuilders](#) Up to \$5 Million in Flexible Financing Available for Local Builders

# Limitations on Subcontracting (13 CFR 125.6)

Applies to:

- Full or partial small business set-aside contracts with a value greater than the SAT
- A contract of any value this is awarded as an: 8(a), SDVOSB, VOSB, HUBZone, WOSB, or EDWOSB

Limitations *(cannot exceed the following % of the amount paid by the government to firms that are not similarly situated)*:

- Services, supplies or products – 50%
- General construction – 85%
- Special trade contractors – 75%

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## Mixed contracts:

- Where a contract integrates any combination of services, supplies, or construction, the contracting officer shall select the appropriate NAICS code IAW §121.402(b).
- The contracting officer's selection of the applicable NAICS code determines which limitation on subcontracting and performance requirement applies
- In no case shall more than one limitation on subcontracting requirement apply to the same contract

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Compliance is monitored by the contracting officer:

- The period of time used to determine compliance will generally be the base term and then each subsequent option period
- For multi-agency set aside contract, the ordering agency must use the period of performance for each order to determine compliance
- For an order set aside under a full and open contract or a full and open contract with reserve, the agency will use the period of performance for each order to determine compliance unless the order is competed among small and other-than-small businesses (in which case the subcontracting limitations will not apply)

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