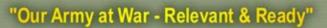
## Department of the Army Small Business Program



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# Army Mentor-Protégé Program April 2007

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Mentor Protégé Program Agenda

- Background
- Participants
- Types of Agreements
- Program Benefits
- Program Status
- Army Requirements



- Established in 1991 P.L. 101-510 to provide incentives to prime contractors to develop the technical and business capabilities of eligible protégés to increase their participation in both prime contracts and subcontracts
- The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2005 extended the MPP until 30
   Sep 2010 for approval of new agreements, and until 30 Sep 2013 for incurred costs



Mentor Protégé Program Who is Eligible?



## Mentors

- Have at least one active approved subcontracting plan negotiated with DoD
- Be eligible for award of Federal contracts
- □ May be an 8(a) Graduate
- Committed to small business & protégé
- Can mentor more than 1 protégé under separate agreements



Mentor Protégé Program Who is Eligible?

# Protégés

- Certified Small Disadvantaged Business
- Qualified organizations employing the severely disabled
- Women-Owned Small Business
- Indian-Owned Small Business
- Native Hawaiian Organization-Owned Small Business
- Qualified HUB zone Small Business
- Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business
- Be eligible for award of Federal contracts



Mentor Protégé Program Types of Agreements

Credit – Allows mentor to receive credit against their SDB subcontracting goals for costs incurred due to development assistance provided to the protégé.

Direct Reimbursement – Allows mentor to receive monetary reimbursement of costs incurred due to development assistance provided to the protégé.





- Qualified source at competitive prices
- Ability to award subcontracts directly
- Help achieve subcontracting goals
- Subcontracting opportunities



Mentor Protégé Program Protégé Benefits

- Technology Transfer
- Technical Management Skills
- Long-term Relationship
- Enhanced Competitiveness
- Subcontracting Opportunities
- Prime Contracting Opportunities



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- Application Process using specific evaluation criteria
- Agreements through modifications to existing contracts
- New contracts can be approved with compelling justification
- Non-Manufacturing Agreements
  <\$500,000, Manufacturing may be higher but cannot exceed \$1 Million a year

# Each DOD agency has their own process



## Mentor Protégé Program Program Status

## Number of agreements fluctuates

- Currently, 33 agreements are in place
- 21 Mentors (4 are graduated 8a firms)
- Protégés (can have only 1 mentor under the DOD program)

### Protégé Statistics\*

- 23 Small Disadvantaged Businesses
- 22 8(a) firms
- 9 Woman-Owned Small Businesses
- 8 Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business
- 8 HUB Zone Small Businesses
- 3 firms owned by Indian Tribes

\*Various protégés qualify under more than one category



## Mentor Protégé Program Additional Information



## Army SADBU Web Page:

## www.sellingtoarmy.info



Proposal Instructions



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Mentor Protégé Program Conclusion

DOD Mentor Protégé Program focus is on innovative transfer of state-ofthe art technology

- DOD agencies each have their own policies and guidelines for participation
- Army Policies and Guidelines can be found at the Army OSADBU website

**Remember:** 



Mentor Protégé Program Conclusion

"The Army's Mentor-Protégé Program is specifically designed to engage industries to shape and expand the industrial base to support the war fighter!"









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## Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Programs



- DOD Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP)
  - 1-800-540-8857
  - www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/mentor\_protege/
- Army MPP
  - Wendy Despres, Program Mgr/703-697-2868
  - <u>www.sellingtoarmy.info</u>
- Air Force MPP
  - Sathedia Bush, Program Mgr/210-536-8760
  - <u>http://selltoairforce.org/Programs/MentorProtege/mp\_program.asp</u>
- Navy MPP
  - Program Manager/202-685-6485
  - www.hq.navy.mil/sadbu
- DCMA MPP
  - Sunny Thompson, Program Mgr/877-662-3960

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