

For: FAS, FSA, and RMA Offices

**Increasing Procurement Opportunities for
Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Concerns**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Management



1 Increasing Procurement Opportunities for SDVOSB's

A Background

Executive Order No. 13360 (October 2004) outlines the Administration's commitment to increasing procurement opportunities for SDVOSB concerns. The Executive order requires each executive agency to develop a strategy for increasing the number of contracts and subcontracts awarded to SDVOSB concerns.

B Purpose

This notice establishes policy for increasing procurement opportunities for SDVOSB concerns.

C Action

All USDA Agencies have a mandated annual 3 percent SDVOSB goal. To comply with the intent of the Executive order and to achieve our annual goal in the current and upcoming years, offices are asked to identify and use SDVOSB's when making purchases by Government purchase card, purchase order, and contract. Offices may check the size and ownership of vendors and locate SDVOSB vendors in the Centralized Contractor Register (CCR) at www.ccr.gov. A list of SDVOSB's, compiled by the USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Mission Area, is also available for review at www.usda.gov/procurement/toolkit.etcetera.htm#200503. The list contains information on SDVOSB's who responded to a FedBizOpps sources sought synopsis.

Large businesses are also required to establish (and achieve) subcontracting goals if the resultant contract is expected to exceed \$500,000/\$1 million for construction. Separate goals for VOSB and SDVOSB are to be established for each subcontracting plan. The annual USDA subcontracting goals for these categories is 3 percent each.

D Contact

If there are questions about this notice, contact Scott Cook, MSD, AMB, at 202-720-7349.

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