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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Heads of the Contracting Activity  
Small Business Specialists

**SUBJECT:** DHHS Policy Directive - Small Business  
Competitiveness Demonstration Program

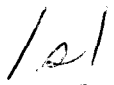
In accordance with the requirements of P.L. 100-656 and the subject Departmental Policy Directive, the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization and the Office of Acquisition Management and Policy are required to monitor the achievement of the mandatory goals for small and emerging small businesses in the designated industry groups described in the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

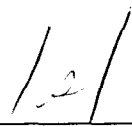
This report reflects contract awards for the Designated Industry Groups (DIGs) and the Targeted Industry Categories (TICs) for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Small businesses maintained the mandated 40 percent of the dollars awarded under the designated industry group for Refuse Systems and Related Services. We are pleased to report, small businesses achieved the mandatory 40 percent under the Construction Services and the mandatory 35 percent of dollars awarded for Architectural and Engineering Services, therefore, the set-aside provision is no longer in effect.

For your information, we have attached a copy of the report that was sent to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

  
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