



General Services Administration (GSA) Helps Federal Agencies Meet Their Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Socioeconomic Goals

Background

In August 1999, the President of the United States and Congress recognized the challenges service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSBs) face in their participation in government contracting and enacted the "Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999." The Act mandates "the government-wide goal for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans shall be established at not less than three percent of the total value of all prime contract and subcontract awards for each fiscal year."

To further increase opportunities for SDVOSBs in government contracting, in December 2003, the President and Congress enacted the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. Federal agencies, in accordance with the new Act, may:

- Restrict certain contracts to SDVOSBs if at least two are expected to submit offers.
- Sole source to an SDVOSB for up to \$5 million for manufacturing contracts and \$3 million for non-manufacturing contracts, provided there is no reasonable expectation that at least two SDVOSBs are expected to submit offers.

Our Initiative

In the past, federal agencies have had difficulty meeting the goals for contracting with SDVOSBs. This was due, in part, to the lack of identified SDVOSBs in the marketplace. GSA has dedicated a significant number of resources to identifying SDVOSBs, assisting them in obtaining a GSA contract, and helping them position themselves to compete for government business.

Through the variety of GSA contracting solutions, federal agencies can fulfill their procurement needs, at best value, using service-disabled veteran-owned small business vendors.

GSA's Offerings

GSA is comprised of three unique Services: The Federal Supply Service, the Federal Technology Service, and the Public Buildings Service.

You can use GSA's Federal Supply Service contracts to acquire products and services from SDVOSB vendors.

GSA's Federal Technology Service can provide you with the value-added technical assistance you need to contract with SDVOSBs for information technology, network services, and professional services.

GSA's Public Buildings Service can provide your agency with the working environment it needs, using SDVOSBs to construct and maintain the facilities.

Benefits of Using GSA

Experience

- GSA is the fifth largest procurement agency for the U.S. government.
- GSA has assisted federal agencies in meeting their goals and fulfilling their missions for over a half century.

Dedication

- GSA is a major player in the effort to assist small businesses.
- GSA has partnered with several federal agencies to implement this SDVOSB initiative.

Contract Efficiencies

- GSA helps save taxpayer dollars.
- Can significantly cut down contract lead times.
- Customers can seek further price reductions on the Federal Supply Service Multiple Award Schedules Program.

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