



8(a)/Business Development Program Eligibility and Application Assistance RECORDED Online Information Seminar

Join the SBA, Wyoming District Office Staff
and the San Francisco, Division of Program Certification and Eligibility

- Learn about program eligibility
- Application requirements
- 8(a) Participant benefits
- Ask questions

The 8(a) Program is SBA's effort to promote equal access for socially and economically disadvantaged individuals to participate in the business sector of the nation's economy. The program assists 8(a) approved firms to participate in the business sector and to become independently competitive in the marketplace.

SBA may provide participating firms with procurement, marketing, financial, management or other technical assistance. Participants can receive sole-source contracts, up to a ceiling of \$3 million for goods and services and \$5 million for manufacturing. While SBA helps 8(a) firms build their competitive and institutional know-how, the agency also encourages them to participate in competitive acquisitions.

To qualify for the program, a small business must be owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual. Under the Small Business Act, certain presumed groups include African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, and Subcontinent Asian Americans. Other individuals can be admitted to the program if they show through a "preponderance of the evidence" that they are disadvantaged because of race, ethnicity, gender, physical handicap, or residence in an environment isolated from the mainstream of American society.

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