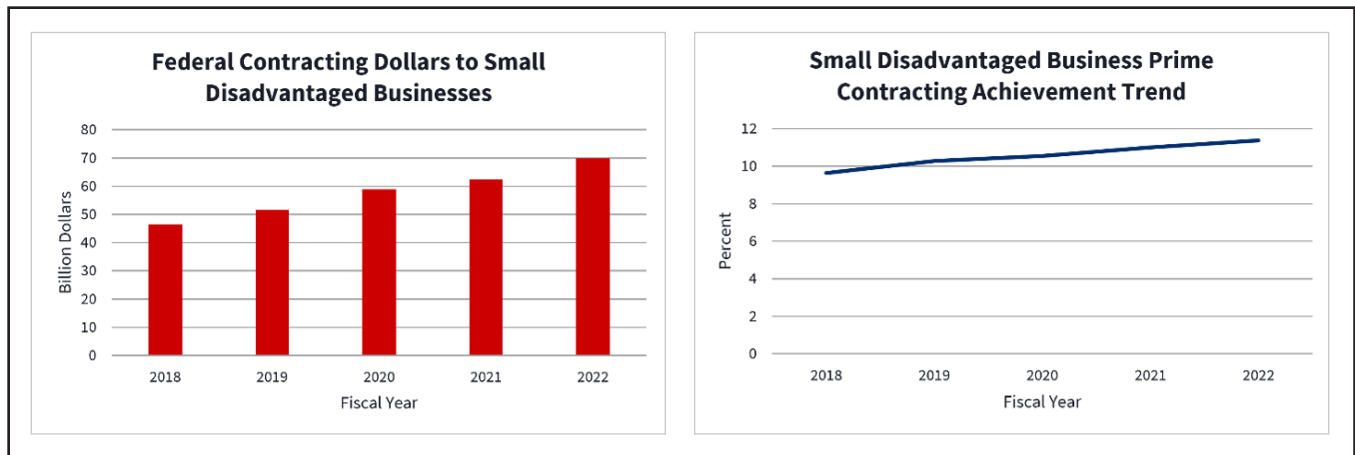


# Small Disadvantaged Business FY2022 Prime Contracting



## In Fiscal Year 2022, the government made strides in leveling the playing field for Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDBs), including:

- The federal government continued to **exceed the President's small, disadvantaged business goal of 11 percent**. After meeting this goal one year ahead of schedule in FY22, this year the government spent **\$69.9 billion** with SDB, setting a new governmentwide record for SDB contracting and passing last year's spend by over \$7 billion.
- Collaboration with GSA continued in FY22 with the award of additional cohorts of the 8(a) STARS III Governmentwide Acquisition Contract (GWAC). This represents another step forward for SBA's 8(a) Business Development Program and the ongoing commitment to create and sustain growth opportunities for 8(a) Program Participants. The 8(a) Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resource for Services (STARS) GWAC provides IT services solutions to the federal marketplace. There are 1,110 8(a) Program Participants on the GSA's STARS III contract.
- In FY22 the SBA revised the Partnership Agreement with federal agencies to promote maximum utilization of 8(a) certified SDBs to ensure equitable access to contracting opportunities. As a result, in FY22 8(a) contracting comprised nearly 36% of federal spend to SDB firms and an estimated 72% of firms in the 8(a) program received contracts. Pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act, through the Partnership Agreement the SBA delegates its contract execution functions and authorizes Federal agencies to awards contracts on behalf of the SBA. During FY22 a total of 5,451 businesses participated in the 8(a) BD Program and contributed an estimated 166,423 jobs to the Nation's economy.
- OMB issued new guidance granting agencies automatic "credit" under category management for all awards given to socioeconomic small businesses.



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