

# National Science Foundation

## FY 2014 Small Business Procurement Scorecard

# A

104.88%

FPDS-NG Prime Contracting Data as of Feb. 20, 2015  
 eSRS Subcontracting Data as of Mar. 13, 2015

| <b>Prime Contracting Achievement:</b>         |                     |              | <b>84.76%</b>        |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|   | 2013<br>Achievement | 2014<br>Goal | 2014<br>Achievement  |
| Small Business                                | 18.76%              | 15.89%       | 17.00%<br>(\$46.4 M) |
| Women Owned Small Business                    | 5.37%               | 5.00%        | 4.83%<br>(\$13.2 M)  |
| Small Disadvantaged Business                  | 10.77%              | 5.00%        | 9.19%<br>(\$25.1 M)  |
| Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business | 2.78%               | 3.00%        | 3.23%<br>(\$8.8 M)   |
| HUBZone                                       | 0.62%               | 3.00%        | 1.90%<br>(\$5.2 M)   |

| <b>Subcontracting Achievement:</b>            |                     |              | <b>10.63%</b>       |
|---|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|
|   | 2013<br>Achievement | 2014<br>Goal | 2014<br>Achievement |
| Small Business                                | 24.10%              | 24.30%       | 26.60%              |
| Women Owned Small Business                    | 6.00%               | 5.00%        | 7.00%               |
| Small Disadvantaged Business                  | 8.60%               | 5.00%        | 6.80%               |
| Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business | 2.90%               | 3.00%        | 3.60%               |
| HUBZone                                       | 0.30%               | 3.00%        | 0.30%               |

| <b>Success Factors</b>   |                          | <b>9.49%</b> |
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| <b>Plan Progress Success Factor Grading Scale:<br/>Factor Subtotal Score / 7</b>   | <b>Peer Review Score</b> |              |
| 1. Commitment to Small Business Utilization - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, a commitment to utilize small businesses to obtain goods and services.  | 0.97                     |              |
| 2. Effective Engagement of Senior Level Management in Achieving Small Business Goals - The Agency's senior leadership (i.e. Deputy Secretary, Chief Acquisition Officer, Senior Procurement Executive, senior program managers, and OSDBU Director) demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, that they have clearly communicated the importance of achieving the agency's Small Business contracting goals through the chain of command to the contracting officer level. | 0.97                     |              |
| 3. Data Quality of Small Business Contracting - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, a commitment to small business contracting data quality.  | 0.97                     |              |
| 4. Training of Acquisitions Staff - The Agency demonstrated a commitment to small business utilization through regular training of acquisitions staff on the issues/procedures/policies/regulations impacting small businesses.  | 1.00                     |              |
| 5. Outreach to Small Business - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, a commitment to growing their small business supplier base and increasing awareness of contracting opportunities for small businesses.  | 0.93                     |              |
| 6. Bundling Avoidance, Justification and Mitigation - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, a clearly communicated policy to address and mitigate the adverse effects of contract bundling on small businesses. (For applicable dollar threshold for the agency, see FAR subpart 7.104)   | 1.00                     |              |
| 7. OSDBU Organization - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, compliance with Section 1691 - Offices of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization - of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2013.  | 0.80                     |              |

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| <b>Prime and Subcontracting Grading Scale:</b><br>A+ < 150% but ≥ 120%<br>A < 120% but ≥ 100%<br>B < 100% but ≥ 90%<br>C < 90% but ≥ 80%<br>D < 80% but ≥ 70%<br>F < 70% | Total | 6.64 |
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**Comments:****Graded Agency:**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) demonstrated improvement in our small business achievement resulting in a one grade improvement from "B" in FY 2013 to "A" in FY 2014. We achieved our small business prime goal; achieved 2 of the 4 prime contracting Socio-economic Achievement Goals falling only .2% short of the Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) goal; and exceeded all small business subcontracting goals except for Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone). In FY 2014, NSF achieved our prime SDVOSB goal for the first time since the goal has been tracked. Our Plan Progress Success Factor score was 6.64 out of a possible 7, a clear indication that NSF is continuing to take steps to improve. We have been focusing on improving performance through use of our Small Business Improvement Targeting Initiative detailed in our Small Business Scorecard Progress Report and, as a result, improved our prime HUBZone numbers by over 1% in FY 2014. NSF will continue to make every effort to ensure that all small businesses fully participate in our contracting/subcontracting activities and actively reach out to the small business community by providing counseling services and networking opportunities.