National Science Foundation

FY2015 Small Business Procurement Scorecard

A 118.13%

FPDS-NG Prime Contracting Data as of Feb. 20, 2016 eSRS Subcontracting Data as of Mar. 14, 2016

Prime Contracting Achievement:			
	2014 Achievement	2015 Goal	2015 Achievement
Small Business	17.00%	18.00%	21.68% (\$52.3 M)
Women Owned Small Business	4.83%	5.00%	6.14% (\$14.8 M)
Small Disadvantaged Business	9.19%	5.00%	12.32% (\$29.7 M)
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	3.23%	3.00%	3.62% (\$8.7 M)
HUBZone	1.90%	3.00%	2.15% (\$5.2 M)

Subcontracting Achievement:			13.67%
	2014 Achievement	2015 Goal	2015 Achievement
Small Business	26.60%	24.00%	39.20%
Women Owned Small Business	7.00%	5.00%	7.90%
Small Disadvantaged Business	6.80%	5.00%	11.90%
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business	3.60%	3.00%	4.60%
HUBZone	0.30%	3.00%	0.50%

Success Factors				
Plan Progress Success Factor Grading Scale: Factor Subtotal Score / 7				
 Commitment to Small Business Utilization - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, a commitment to utilize small businesses to obtain goods and services. 				
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.				
 Data Quality of Small Business Contracting - The Agency demonstrated, through action and documented evidence, a commitment to small business contracting data quality. 				
 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. 				
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.				
 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) 				
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.				
$\label{eq:prime and Subcontracting Grading Scale:} A+ \le 150\% \ but \ge 120\% \\ A < 120\% \ but \ge 100\% \\ B < 100\% \ but \ge 90\% \\ C < 90\% \ but \ge 80\% \\ D < 80\% \ but \ge 70\% \\ F < 70\% \ end{tabular}$		Total	6.61	

Comments:

Graded Agency:

NSF demonstrated excellence in small business contracting through the achievement of an "A" grade on the FY2015 Scorecard. This is the second year in a row NSF has received a grade of "A". In fact, we improved our overall Scorecard score by 13.25% when compared to last year. We achieved our small business prime and subcontracting goal and achieved 3 of the 4 prime and subcontracting Socio-Economic Achievement Goals. Our Plan Progress Factor score was 6.61 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, our percentages increased in every prime and subcontracting category in FY2015 compared to FY2014.

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.