



U.S. Small Business
Administration

Small Business Program Status

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Status of Small Business Procurement Goals

For the Period Ended January 31, as of February 11, 2021

Type of Awardee	Small Business	SDVOSB	VOSB	HUBZone	SDB	WOSB
Actual	31.7%	23.0%	23.6%	2.0%	11.7%	3.0%
Goal	28.45%	15.0%	17.0%	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%

- Through January 31, 2021, VA reported \$7.287 billion in total procurement to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).
- VA reported \$1.679 billion toward the SDVOSB goal, and \$1.720 billion toward the VOSB goal

Direct Access and Outreach

VA OSDBU continues to conduct Virtual Small Business Events. Seven held since January 2021. Examples are:

- Collaborative events with industry partners such as Amazon and AT&T.
- Co-hosted an event with the Export Import Bank of America.
- VA Office of Construction and Facilities Management 1-on-1 meetings with firms operating in the construction marketplace.

On February 25 the first “Digital on Demand” Virtual Event for the Palo Alto VA Healthcare System scheduled.

- Additional virtual events for VA Medical Centers will occur throughout the year.

OSDBU business development webinars training continue to be well attended. Six webinars conducted

- 1,793 individuals representing various socioeconomic categories registered for training.

Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities through the Federal Government

Signed on January 20, 2021

VA is interested in providing equitable service with respect to race, age, ethnicity, religion, income, geography, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability.

In support of this Executive Order, please let us know if you are aware of barriers to:

- Enrolling or accessing VA benefits or service
- VA procurement/contracting opportunities



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Verification Transfer

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Legislative Background

- The William H. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 became law (Public Law 116-283) on January 1, 2021, following a vote of 2/3 of the Senate to pass the bill over the objections of the President.
- The House of Representatives had previously passed the bill, notwithstanding the President's veto, by the required 2/3 margin on December 28, 2020.
- Section 862 of the bill requires transfer of the verification function from VA to the Small Business Administration.
- The law defines the “transfer date” as 2 years after the date of enactment, or January 1, 2023.

Scope of Transfer

“Effective on the transfer date, all functions that, immediately before the transfer date, were functions of the Center for Verification and Evaluation shall be functions of the Small Business Administration.”

“Function” means “any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, activity, or program” but does not include employees.

The Center for Verification and Evaluation is abolished as of the transfer date.

Section 862(g)

Specific Transfer Issues

Matters Addressed by the Legislation

- Property (including contracts for supplies and services) and records shall be made available for SBA use at such time as the President directs, if such property and records are used in connection with a function to be transferred.
- On the transfer date, VA's statute authorizing the database of verified firms will be amended to place responsibility for the database with the SBA Administrator, and the law will be transferred from title 38 to the Small Business Act.
- Legal processes involving the VA (including rulemakings) with respect to verification shall be continued by SBA as of the effective date.
- VA will reimburse SBA Administrator annually for costs of verification for VOSB program, as mutually agreed, from fees collected from Schedules contracts.

Section 862(b),(g)