



U.S. Small Business
Administration

Fiscal Year 2021
Small Business Procurement Scorecard



Grade Calculation Methodology
April 2022

FY2021 federal prime contracting data retrieved from FPDS-NG on 02/22/2022 for the date range 10/01/2020 through 9/30/2021
FY2021 federal subcontracting data retrieved from eSRS on 04/28/2022 for the date range 10/01/2020 through 09/30/2021

Executive Summary

In Section 868 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2016 (P.L. 114-92), Congress directed SBA to change its scorecard methodology for FY 2017. Specifically, Congress directed that an agency's performance towards its prime contracting goals shall account for 50 percent of an agency's grade. Further, Congress directed that the remaining 50 percent should be weighted in a manner determined by the Administrator of the SBA to include subcontracting and the number of small business prime contractors in the five small business categories across a spectrum of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes.

In addition, Section 1692 of the NDAA of 2013 (P.L. 112-239) amended Section 7104(b) of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (P.L. 103-355) to provide that the Small Business Procurement Advisory Council shall conduct reviews of each Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) to determine the office's compliance with Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(k)).

SBA is continuing prior years' weighting methodology (FY19-FY20) for the FY 2021 Scorecard calculations to assess how well federal agencies reach their small business and socio-economic prime contracting and subcontracting goals, to examine the number of small business prime contractors, to review the agencies compliance with Section 15(k) requirements of the Small Business Act, retaining the checklist 22 requirements from FY 2020. For FY21 scorecard the OSDBU director is required to provide a response to each of the 22 requirements and the answer will be included in the grade calculation.

Each agency's Scorecard grade consists of its achievements in these four areas, and each area is graded by the percentage shown below:

Areas	% Grade
Prime Contracting Achievement	50% of Scorecard Grade
Subcontracting Achievement	20% of Scorecard Grade
Comparison of the Number of Small Business Prime Contractors in each of the Five Small Business Categories in all the Agency's NAICS Codes Between FY 2020 and FY 2021	10% of Scorecard Grade
OSDBU Peer Review on Agency Compliance with Section 15(k) of the Small Business Act (22 requirements)	20% of Scorecard Grade

Executive Summary (continued 1)



The prime and subcontracting component goals include goals for small businesses, small businesses owned by women (WOSB), small disadvantaged businesses (SDB), service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB), and small businesses located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZones).

The prime vendor comparison goal is the result of the number small business concerns, including small business concerns under various socioeconomic categories, regarding prime contracts awarded in the current fiscal year compared to the prior fiscal year in all the Agency's NAICS Codes and scored based on the following scale:

- Increase in number of SB primes by 10% or more = 1.3
- Increase in number of SB primes by 5% or more but less than or equal to 10% = 1.2
- Increase in number of SB primes between 0% and less than 5% = 1.1
- No change in the number of SB primes (Change = 0%) 0% increase/decrease (no change) = 1.0
- Decrease in number of SB primes by more than 0% but less than 5% = 0.9
- Decrease in number of SB primes by 5% or more but less than or equal to 10% = 0.8
- Decrease in number of SB primes by 10% or more = 0.7

The OSDBU peer review consists of scoring a written response from agencies using a detailed compliance checklist for 22 requirements in 15 U.S.C. 644(k) using the following scale for each question:

Excellent = 1.0

Unsatisfactory = 0.0

Section 15(k)(1) is allowed partial credit of 0.5 with appropriate explanation and documentation provided

Executive Summary (continued 2)

Each federal agency has a different small business contracting goal, established annually in consultation with SBA. SBA ensures that the sum total of all of the goals exceeds the 23 percent target established by law. Each agency's efforts in meeting its small business goals expand opportunities for small businesses to compete for and win federal contracts.

Based on their overall performance, SBA is assigning each agency a letter grade from six potential grades (A+, A, B, C, D, F). These grades provide additional information on comparison of performance levels among different agencies.

In FY 2021, in accordance with federal law, SBA will continue to provide agencies double credit, for scorecard purposes only, for prime contract awards in disaster areas that are awarded as a local area set aside and a small business or other socio-economic set aside when the vendor state is the same as the place of performance. 15 USC § 644(f).

In FY 2021, SBA will continue to provide agencies double credit, for scorecard purposes only, for awards to Puerto Rico businesses, i.e. "If an agency awards a prime contract to Puerto Rico business during the period beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection [August 13, 2018] and ending on the date that is 4 years after such date of enactment, the value of the contract shall be doubled for purposes of determining compliance with the goals for procurement contracts under subsection (g)(1)(A)(i) during such period." 15 USC § 644(x)(1). A "Puerto Rico" business is defined as a small business concern that has its principal office located in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

NDAA FY20 extended double small business credit for Puerto Rico businesses to small businesses with a principal office in the U.S.V.I., American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands (Sec. 875). For purposes of determining the business's principal office, SBA uses the prime vendor address reported in FPDS-NG. Double-credit under § 644(x) is provided only for awards dated on or after August 13, 2018, and only for awards that do not already qualify for double-credit under § 644(f).

Agency Small Business Scorecard Grade Calculation Methodology



Achievement Category	Prime Contracting	Weight of Category Achievement toward Overall Grade	50%
Components		Component Weight	
Small Business		60%	
SDB		10%	
WOSB		10%	
SDVOSB		10%	
HUBZone		10%	
Achievement Category	Subcontract	Weight of Category Achievement toward Overall Grade	20%
Components		Component Weight	
Small Business		60%	
SDB		10%	
WOSB		10%	
SDVOSB		10%	
HUBZone		10%	

Agency Small Business Scorecard Grade Calculation Methodology (cont. 1)

Achievement Category	Comparison of the Number of Small Business Prime Contractors in each of the Five Small Business Categories in all the Agency's NAICS Codes between FY 2020 and FY 2021	Weight of Category Achievement toward overall Grade	10%
Range			Score
Increase in number of SB primes by 10% or more			1.3
Increase in number of SB primes by more than 5% but less than or equal to 10%			1.2
Increase in number of SB primes by more than 0% but less than or equal to 5%			1.1
No change in the number of SB primes (Change = 0%, 0% increase/decrease) (no change)			1
Decrease in number of SB primes by more than 0% but less than or equal to 5%			0.9
Decrease in number of SB primes by 5% or more but less than or equal to 10%			0.8
Decrease of SB primes by 10% or more			0.7

Agency Small Business Scorecard Grade Calculation Methodology (cont. 2)

Achievement Category	The OSDBU peer review consists of scoring a written response from agencies to questions on the 22 requirements in 15 U.S.C. 644(k).	Weight of Category Achievement toward overall Grade	20%
Scoring for each of the 22 requirements:		Grade	
Excellent (Yes)		1.0	
Unsatisfactory (No)		0.0	
Section 15(k)(1) is allowed partial credit of 0.5 with appropriate explanation and documentation provided. Sections 15(k)(14) and 15(k)(17) will be scored and awarded a 1-point value if, respective to the question, the OSDBU Director receives no unsolicited proposals or notifications AND a policy/procedure is in place to manage such processes. If there is no proposal or notification received but a formal policy or procedure is in place and provided as documentation, then the intent of the responsibility is considered to be met.		0.5	
Total for all four Category Achievements		50%+20%+10%+20% = 100%	

Agency Achievement Example

Prime Contract		
Category	Goal (%)	Achievement (%)
Small Business	23	21
SDB	5	10.5
WOSB	5	4
SDVOSB	3	3.5
HUBZone	3	1.5

Subcontract		
Category	Goal (%)	Achievement (%)
Small Business	35	33
SDB	5	8
WOSB	5	10.1
SDVOSB	3	2.5
HUBZone	3	1.5

Category Description
SDB = Small Disadvantaged Business
WOSB = Women Owned Small Business
SDVOSB = Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business
HUBZone = Small Business located in a Historically Underutilized Business Zone

Agency Achievement Example 1

Number of Small Business Prime Contractors:

- Comparison of the Number of Small Business Prime Contractors in each of the Five Small Business Categories in the Agency’s Small Business NAICS Codes Between FY 2020 and FY 2021:

Category	Number of Prime Contractors FY 20	Number of Prime Contractors FY21	% Change (+/-)
Small Business	1500	1450	-3.33%
SDB	675	700	3.70%
WOSB	550	550	0.0%
SDVOSB	400	390	-2.5%
HUBZone	175	170	2.86%

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- No change in the number of SB primes (Change = 0%, 0% increase/decrease) (no change)=0
- Decrease in number of SB primes by more than 0% but less than 5%=0.9
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Agency Achievement Example 2



OSDBU Peer Review

The OSDBU peer review consists of scoring a written response from agencies to questions on the 22 requirements in 15 U.S.C 644(k).

To review the full text of 15 U.S.C. 644(k), please visit:

[https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:15%20section:644\)](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:15%20section:644))

OSDBU Peer Review Form

15 U.S. Code § 644(k) FY 2018 Compliance Checklist

	Requirement Title:	Statutory Reference:	Did Agency Satisfy Requirement? <i>(Column responses auto-populate from completed compliance worksheet)</i>
0)	Office and Director Experience	15(k)	0.0
1)	Director Title	15(k)1	0.0
2)	Compensation and Seniority	15(k)2	0.0
3)	Reporting (Head of Agency or Deputy Head)	15(k)3	0.0
4)	Implementation and Execution of Business Development and Federal Contracting Responsibilities of the Small Business Act	15(k)4	0.0
5)	Identify and Address Bundling of Contracts	15(k)5	0.0
6)	Provide Assistance on Payments	15(k)6	0.0
7)	Supervisory Authority	15(k)7	0.0
8)	Assign Small Business Technical Advisors	15(k)8	0.0
9)	OSDBU Cooperation and Consultation	15(k)9	0.0
10)	Recommendations to Contracting Officers	15(k)10	0.0
11)	Activity Conversion	15(k)11	0.0
12)	Advise CAO and SPE	15(k)12	0.0
13)	SBC and Contracting Specialist Training	15(k)13	<i>Optional (Not Mandatory) -</i> 0.0
14)	Receive Unsolicited Proposals	15(k)14	0.0
15)	Exclusive Duties and Title	15(k)15	0.0
16)	Congressional Reporting	15(k)16	0.0
17)	Respond to Undue Restriction Notifications	15(k)17	0.0
18)	Purchase Card Summary Data Review	15(k)18	0.0
19)	Vendor Compliance Education and Training	15(k)19	0.0
20)	Subcontracting Plan Review	15(k)20	0.0
TOTAL:			+ 0.0

I, _____, as the _____ at _____ verify that this information is an accurate representation of my agency's compliance in FY 2018 with 15 U.S.C. § 644(k) and can, if requested, provide additional information to further corroborate responses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Small Business Procurement Advisory Committee 15 U.S.C. § 644(k) Compliance Review

Calculating Prime Contracting Score

Category	Category Component Achievement	/	Goal	=	Achievement Score	X	Component Weight	=	Weighted Performance
Small Business	21.00%	/	23%	=	91.3%	X	60.00%	=	54.78%
SDB	10.50%	/	5%	=	200.00%*	X	10.00%	=	20.00%
WOSB	4.00%	/	5%	=	80.00%	X	10.00%	=	8.00%
SDVODB	3.50%	/	3%	=	116.67%	X	10.00%	=	11.67%
HUBZone	1.50%	/	3%	=	50%	X	10.00%	=	5.00%

Total Prime Contracting Weighted Performance (Prime Score) 99.45%

*Positive achievement score capped at 200.00%.
 Negative achievement score capped at 0.0%

Calculating Subcontracting Score

Category	Category Component Achievement		Goal		Achievement Score		Component Weight		Weighted Performance
Small Business	33.00%	/	35%	=	94.29%	x	60.00%	=	56.57%
SDB	8.00%	/	5%	=	160.00%	x	10.00%	=	16.00%
WOSB	10.10%	/	5%	=	200.00%*	x	10.00%	=	20.00%
SDVODB	2.50%	/	3%	=	83.33%	x	10.00%	=	8.33%
HUBZone	1.50%	/	3%	=	50%	x	10.00%	=	5.00%

Total Subcontracting Weighted Performance (Subcontracting Score)

105.90%

*Positive achievement score capped at 200.00%.

Negative achievement score capped at 0.0%.

Calculating Number of Small Business Prime Contractors

Comparison of the Number of Small Business Prime Contractors in each of the Five Small Business Categories in all the Agency's NAICS Codes Between FY 2020 and FY 2021	Performance
Percentage change in the number of SB prime contractors from FY 2020 to FY 2021 = -3.33%	0.9
Percentage change in the number of SDB prime contractors from FY 2020 to FY 2021 = +3.70%	1.1
Percentage change in the number of WOSB prime contractors from FY 2020 to FY 2021 = 0.00%	1.0
Percentage change in the number of SDVOSB prime contractors from FY 2020 to FY 2021 = -2.50%	0.9
Percentage change in the number of HUBZone SB prime contractors from FY 2020 to FY 2021 = -2.86%	0.9
Total Score for this Category	4.8
Number of SB Prime Contractors Score = Sum of 5 Scores ÷ 5 = 4.8 ÷ 5	96.00%

- Increase in number of SB primes by 10% or more =1.3
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- No change in the number of SB primes (Change = 0%, 0% increase/decrease) (no change)=0
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Calculating OSDBU Peer Review Score

The OSDBU peer review consists of scoring a written response from agencies to questions on the 22 requirements in 15 U.S.C. 644(k).

Req. #	Score	Req. #	Score	Req. #	Score
(k)/0	1.0	8	1.0	16	1.0
1	0.5	9	1.0	17	1.0
2	1.0	10	1.0	18	1.0
3	1.0	11	1.0	19	1.0
4	1.0	12	1.0	20	1.0
5	1.0	13	1.0	21	1.0
6	1.0	14	1.0	Total:	21.5
7	1.0	15	1.0		

OSDBU Peer Review Score: $22 \text{ Scores Combined} \div 22 = 21.5 \div 22$ **97.62%**

This factor performance is scored by a peer review panel of OSDBU/OSBP directors

Calculating Agency Overall Small Business Procurement Grade

Achievement Category	Category Score	X	Weight of Category toward Overall Grade	=	Partial Grade
Prime Contracts	99.45%	x	50%	=	49.73
Subcontracting	105.90	x	20%	=	21.18%
Comparison of the Number of Small Business Prime Contractors in each of the Five Small Business Categories in all the Agency's NAICS Codes Between FY 2020 and FY 2021	96.00%	x	10%	=	9.60%
OSDBU Peer Review on the 22 requirements in 15 U.S.C. 644(k)	97.62%	x	20%	=	19.52%
Overall Small Business Performance Grade					100.03% A

A+	≤ 150% but ≥ 120%
A	< 120% but ≥ 100%
B	< 100% but ≥ 90%
C	< 90% but ≥ 80%
D	< 80% but ≥ 70%
F	< 70%

Questions

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