

Federal Contracting Designation Definitions

1. **Small Business Concern** – A business concern eligible for assistance from SBA as a small business is one that is organized for profit, with a place of business located in the United States. It must operate primarily within the United States or make a significant contribution to the U. S. economy through payment of taxes or use of American products, materials or labor. Together with its affiliates, it must meet the numerical size standards as defined in the Small Business Size Regulations, 13 CFR 121. **Self Certification**
2. **Woman-Owned Small Business** – A business that meets the following criteria: (a) Is at least 51 percent owned by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more women; and (b) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more women. **Self-Certification**
3. **HUBZone** – Historically Underutilized Business Zone. To qualify as a HUBZone small business concern the firm must be : (a) Small; (b) Located in a “historically underutilized business zone” (HUBZone); (c) Owned and controlled by one or more U.S. Citizens; and, (d) One that at least 35% of its employees reside in a HUBZone. **CCR Certification Required**
4. **Small Disadvantaged Business** – A small business must be at least 51% owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual or individuals. African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian Americans and Native Americans are presumed to qualify. Other individuals can qualify if they show by a preponderance or evidence that they are disadvantaged. All individuals must have a net worth of less than \$750,000, excluding the equity of the business and primary residence. Successful applicants must also meet applicable size standards for small businesses in their industry. **CCR Certification Required**
5. **8 (a) Business** – To qualify for the 8(a) Program a firm must: (a) Be a small business, (b) Be unconditionally owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who are of good character and citizens of the United States; (c) Demonstrate potential for success. Also, the individual’s net worth, after excluding the individual’s equity in the firm and the equity in the primary residence, may not exceed \$250,000. **Certification Process**
6. **Minority-Owned Business** – A business that is at minimum, 51% owned, operated, and controlled by member(s) of the following group, African American, Hispanic American, American Indian, Asian-American, Native Hawaiian, or Eskimo, and having U.S. Citizenship. **Self Certification**
7. **Veteran Owned Small Business** – A small business concern where: (A) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more veterans (as defined at 38 U.S.C. 101 (2)0 or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more veterans; and (B) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more veterans. According to 38 U.S.C. 101 (2) “veteran” is defined as “a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefore under conditions other than dishonorable.” **Self-Certification**
8. **Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business** – A small business concern where: (A) Not less than 51 percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service disabled veterans; and (B) The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of a veteran with permanent or severe disability, the spouse or permanent caregiver of such veteran. A service-disabled veteran means a veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101 (16), the phrase service connected (in terms of service disabled) means: “with respect to disability or death, that such disability was incurred or aggravated, or that the death resulted from a disability unincurred or aggravated, in line of duty in the active military, naval, or air service.” **Self-Certification**

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