



Virtual Small Business Training Week 2021 August 17 - 19

Session Q&As

Day 2: Wednesday, August 18 @ 3:20pm – 4:20pm

Session: Mentor Protégé Program Small Business Administration and Department of Defense

Q	Does a MP agreement under contract greater than \$750K require a subcontracting plan? If not, please explain why not.
A	Yes, a subcontracting plan is needed for contracts greater than 750K. Your federal contractor will let you know, and the contractor is required to keep and maintain an acceptable plan. Please see the FAR 19.705-2.
Q	The 8a and MP are they 2 different programs? Mr. Brown jl wasn't clear on your statement - Do you have to be 8a to be part of the MP?
A	The two programs have been combined to make the SBA Mentor-Protégé Program. You do not have to participate in the 8(a) program to apply to the SBA Mentor-Protégé Program
Q	How do we validate after award how much the SB is still self-performing?
A	I do not understand the question. Is this through the MP program?
Q	Is there a required report to continue to verify?
A	The report will come from the SBA Mentor-Protégé Program when the protégé is up for the annual evaluation.
Q	If a JV is formed to pursue a contract, but not won, is the jv still only for two years or does the jv remain in place until they win a contract?
A	As you may know, the three-in-two rule is no longer. However, the regulations read, “a specific joint venture entity generally may not be awarded contracts beyond a two-year period, starting from the date of the award of the first contract, without the partners to the joint venture being deemed affiliated for the joint venture.” So, based on the rule, a two-year limit on the joint venture would apply, but there is no limit on the amount of awards a joint venture can receive during the two-year life period.

Q	Do you ever have events for interested Protege companies to explain the DoD program? Outreach to specific companies because you are looking at more factors for eligibility.
A	We usually have a session dedicated to potential protégés during our annual MPP Conference. We also when contacted by small businesses will have one on one informative sessions with interested parties both at the OSD OSBP and with the participating Services and Component OSBPs.
Q	Is the DoD MP program used for construction requirements or is the program mainly used/intended for other Major Defense programs?
A	Construction and other Service areas are welcomed.
Q	Does DoD recognize a small business JV from the SBA MPP?
A	No.
Q	Can an offeror submit multiple proposals to the same agency at the same time - on different topics?
A	For the DoD, yes a mentor company can submit more than one agreement to the same agency on different topics.
Q	The screen changed when i was trying to write down their contact info.
A	DoD Mentor Protégé: osd.ousdmpp@mail.mil DoD OSBP: osd.business.defense@mail.mil

Questions Below Were Answered Live During the Presentation and Do Not Require an Additional Response

Q	What about conflict of interest?
Q	You stated that Mentor Protege Agreements are signed, and you referenced 13 CFR. Can you repeat the reference in 13 CFR?
Q	Who approves JVs?
Q	So a JV is only acknowledged by the Govt. per the template, and not approved?
Q	Do you ever intervene if there is an issue in the Mentor-Protege relationship?
Q	Is it true that the JV does not receive the 8(a) designation until award of an 8(a) set aside contract?
Q	Slide stated that Protege firms must perform at least 40% and Mentor firms may perform up to 60%. I assume this means 40/60 is the breakout of the JV prime's portion of performance., and if a set aside, the JV is subject to limitation on subcontracting.
Q	How many organizations have Hybrids? Who would you recommend talking with for creating a hybrid MPP?
Q	Will you be updating the Agenda with the actual Presentation so we can download it?