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SBA 8(a) PROGRAM

This program was created to help small disadvantaged businesses in designated economic and social groups compete in the federal procurement market.

([sba.gov/content/8a-business-development](https://www.sba.gov/content/8a-business-development))

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE (HUBZone)

HUBzones are designed to stimulate economic development and create jobs in underutilized communities by providing Federal contracting preferences. These preferences go to small businesses that obtain HUBZone certification in part by employing staff who live in a designated HUBZone and by having their principle offices there. **([sba.gov/hubzone](https://www.sba.gov/hubzone))**

SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS (SDVOSB)

Contracting officers may restrict contract awards to SDVOSBs where there is a reasonable expectation that two or more will submit bids at a fair market price. This is a self-representing program, meaning there are no certification processes.

([sba.gov/sdvosb](https://www.sba.gov/sdvosb))

VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS (VOB)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has unique procurement authority among Federal agencies – called the Veteran First Program. **([va.gov/osdbu/verification](https://www.va.gov/osdbu/verification))** Program elements include:

- VA maintains a database of verified VOB & SDVOSB for all agencies & primes
- VOBs and SDVOSBs given top priority for VA purchases including set-aside and sole source opportunities
- To do business with the VA, VOBs and SDVOSBs must be registered in **[vip.vetbiz.gov](https://www.vip.vetbiz.gov)** under this program

WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS (WOSB)

The WOSB Program is a program that authorizes contracting officers to specifically limiting, or setting aside, certain requirements for competition solely amongst women-owned small businesses (WOSBs) or economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses (EDWOSBs). The set asides must be in industries designated by SBA as underrepresented or substantially underrepresented. **([sba.gov/wosb](https://www.sba.gov/wosb))**

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