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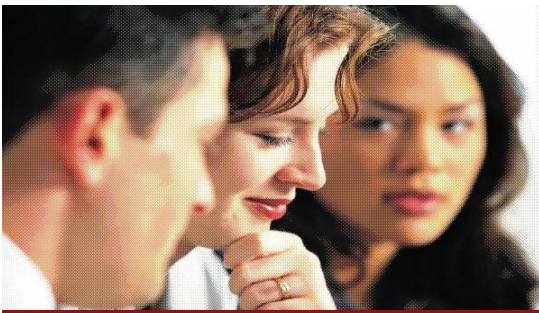
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Mentor-Protégé Program



PROGRAM PURPOSE

The Air Force Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) provides incentives for Mentor Firms to furnish eligible small business concerns, Protégé Firms, with assistance designed to:

- 1 Enhance the capabilities of Protégé Firms and to increase their participation as subcontractors and suppliers under DoD contracts, other Federal Government contracts, and commercial contracts; and
- 2 Foster the establishment of long-term business relationships in order to develop a stable Defense small business industrial base.



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Air Force is seeking efforts that:

- 1 Directly support a DoD or Air Force Program of Record;
- 2 Aligns with a DoD or Air Force mission need or strategic plan;
- 3 Increase the likelihood of success in transition (commercialization) of technology co-developed under a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), licensed under a Patent License Agreement (PLA), or developed under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR), or Rapid Innovation Fund (RIF) programs.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Qualifying Mentor must:

- Have received DoD contracts and subcontracts totaling at least \$25M in previous fiscal year;
- Be other than small entity (can be waived);
- Have an active subcontracting plan;
- Be an 8(a) graduate with documentation of its ability to serve as a Mentor; or
- Demonstrate the capability to assist in the development of Protégé Firms.

Qualifying Protégé must be:

- Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB);
- Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB);
- HubZone Small Business (HUBZone);
- Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB);
- Business employing the severely disabled;
- Business Owned and controlled by a Native American tribe, Alaskan Corp, or Hawaiian Org;
- An entity providing goods/services in private sector critical to enhancing DoD supplier base; or a
- Non-traditional defense contractor.

FACTS

A broad range of industries are represented in the MPP:

- ➔ Part and equipment manufacturing
- ➔ Technical and engineering services
- ➔ Information technology / cybersecurity
- ➔ Medical services and product manufacturing
- ➔ Environmental services



BENEFITS TO THE MENTOR

- Develop an effective and high quality small business sub-contracting pool
- Enhance Technical capabilities of both firms
- Pursue new market opportunities as MP team
- Issue subcontracts to protégé on a non-competitive basis

BENEFITS TO THE PROTEGE

- Relevant engineering and technical assistance
- General business development assistance
- Expands subcontracting opportunities
- Protégé may leverage technical expertise of mentor to bid on SB set-aside contracts
- Improve competitive advantage

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Mentor firms responsible for selecting Protégé Firm
- Protégé Firm may have only one active DoD MP Agreement
- Reimbursable, Credit, or Hybrid agreement types available