

FROM THE DIRECTOR



On behalf of the OSDBU, I wish you a happy new year! It is my pleasure to share updates on DOE small business activities and achievements. The OSDBU is supporting several Departmental initiatives to help maximize opportunities for small businesses.

The DOE continues to advance small business utilization through opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and by expanding supplier diversity efforts with underrepresented entities in collaboration with various Departmental Elements on the Justice40 initiative.

Additionally, the DOE's Equity Procurement Working Group is supporting Executive Order (EO) 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*, by developing strategies to address barriers that restrict historically underserved groups from full and equal participation in the federal marketplace.

The recent Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-22-03 related to EO 13985 implements the Administration's commitments to increase spending to Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB) to 15% by Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and to increase baseline spending for the additional socio-economic small businesses and traditionally underserved entrepreneurs recognized in the Small Business Act.

FY 2022 is shaping up to be another great year for small business at the DOE.

The OSDBU would also like to give special thanks and kudos to Greg Gonzales, NNSA's departing Small Business Program Manager (SBPM). Congratulations Greg on your contributions to the Department's small business successes and we wish you the best in the future.

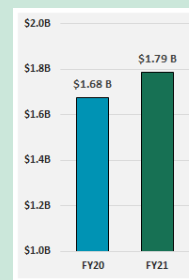
Thank you for advocating for the utilization of small businesses to help advance DOE's missions.



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DOE SMALL BUSINESS SOCIO-ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENT

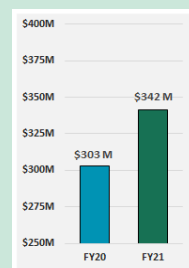
According to preliminary FY 21 data, the DOE anticipates reaching the total prime small business awards from FY 20 (\$5B). In addition, the Department projects increased prime small business spending in three of the four Small Business Administration (SBA)-graded socio-economic categories.



- The Department is projected to outpace prime small business awards to Small and Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB) for a total of \$1.78B.
- This marks a projected increase of more than \$100M during this period in FY 20.



- The DOE anticipates an increase prime small business contracting with Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) for a total of \$428M.
- This is projected to be more than \$4M from the amount the DOE awarded during this period in FY 20.



- The DOE is projected to outpace prime small business awards to Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Small Businesses for a total of \$342M.
- This marks a projected increase of approximately \$39M from this period in FY 20.

While the Department continues to advance socio-economic small business performance, the OSDBU would like to stress the importance of meeting the annual socio-economic goals established by the SBA.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Idaho National Laboratory (INL) experienced a successful fiscal year 2021 by achieving all its small business goals. Small businesses accounted for 71% of the laboratory's spending on goods and services, or around \$316 million.

The lab also exceeded all four of its specific socio-economic spending goals, including SDB, HUBZone, WOSB and SDVOSB, and exceeded its goal for Idaho-based businesses.

The spending for goods and services with these businesses was driven by the success of INL's growing missions, including a thriving construction portfolio, expanding cybersecurity research and a heightened business need generated by the advanced nuclear projects slated for INL's secluded location in the eastern Idaho desert.

Construction projects were one of the largest areas of spending. The biggest on-site construction project is currently the Sample Preparation Laboratory (SPL) at the Materials and Fuels Complex. SPL is a \$60 million construction project that was awarded to an Idaho small business. This focus will remain as INL heads into fiscal year 2022.



Thanks to INL SBPM Stacey Francis for sharing this DOE small business success story.

If you would like to share a DOE small business story or have a suggestion for another topic in this newsletter, please email your submissions to Darren Lurie at darren.lurie@hq.doe.gov.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Below are recent legislative and regulatory updates from the Small Business Procurement Advisory Council related to small business government contracting programs:

DIRECT FINAL RULE: DEFINITION OF SURVIVING SPOUSE/ CHANGE TO SOLE-SOURCE THRESHOLDS (86FR 61670)

Allows the surviving spouse of a deceased service-disabled veteran to qualify as the owner of a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Concern (SDVOSBC) for up to:

- 10 years after veteran's death, if veteran was 100% disabled
- 3 years after veteran's death, for less than 100% disability

Changes the 8(a) sole-source Justification and Approval Threshold (J&A) to \$100M for the Department of Defense and \$25M for civilian agencies:

- It applies to entity-owned firms (Alaska Native Corporations, Tribes, and Native Hawaiian Organizations)
- It applies if only one eligible Participant submits a fair-market offer

Changes sole-source thresholds in 8(a), Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSB), and HUBZone Small Businesses to:

- \$4.5M for nonmanufacturing (but still \$4M in SDVOSBC)
- \$7M for manufacturing (same for SDVOSBC)

FAR FINAL RULE: CONSOLIDATION AND BUNDLING (86 FR 61038)

Requires the publication on SAM.gov of a notice, no later than 7 days before the solicitation, for substantial bundling and for consolidation.

Requires the publication on SAM.gov of a determination, with the publication of the solicitation of the rationale for substantial bundling, or that consolidation of contract requirements is necessary and justified.

FAR FINAL RULE: SOLE-SOURCE THRESHOLDS FOR MANUFACTURING (86 FR 61038)

Changes the manufacturing sole-source thresholds to \$7 million in the 8(a) program and HUBZone program.

Please stay tuned for further legislative updates related to small business government contracting programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Below are upcoming small business events. Check out the [Small Business Events Calendar](#) on the OSDBU's website for more information.

February 16, 2022

U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), and the National Renewable Energy Technology Laboratory (NREL) Virtual Forum

March 24, 2022

U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) and Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Virtual Forum



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