

# **TIPSS 4 SB – Post-Award Conference – MBOSS/Cybersecurity**

Post Award Conference  
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# Background

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- My role is to ensure that a fair share of IRS procurement dollars is issued to small business concerns of all types.
- Goals:
  - Prime Goals

# FY12 Goals

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- Prime Goals:
  - Small Business 29.4%
  - Small Disadvantaged Business 5%
  - Women-Owned Small Business 5%
  - HUBZone Small Business 3%
  - Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business 3%
  - Veteran-Owned Small Business – no goal, must be tracked
  - 8(a) Concerns – No Statutory Goal – subset of Small Disadvantaged Business Goal – currently 2.5%

# TIPSS 4 Size Standard

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- NAICS Code for TIPSS 4:
  - 541519 for MBOSS/Cybersecurity
- Size Standard:
  - \$25.0 Million Average Annual Receipts

# TIPSS 4 Set-Asides

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- TIPSS 4 MBOSS/Cybersecurity task areas included:
  - 8(a) Competitive Set-Aside
  - HUBZone Set-Aside
  - SDVOSB Set-Aside
  - Small Business Set-Aside
- Competition will be held under the two separate task areas – MBOSS and Cybersecurity

# TIPSS 4 – Utilization of SB Concerns Clause

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- **FAR 52.219-8 is included in the award. This clause is applicable to all small business firms who were awarded TIPSS 4 SB contracts.**
  - **Encourages small business participation to the maximum extent possible in the awarding of subcontracts.**

# Limitations on Subcontracting

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- Section H.35 – Limitations on Subcontracting
  - All small businesses, as defined in FAR Part 19, shall provide a bi-annual report documenting the percentage of work performed as per FAR 52.219-14 Limitations on Subcontracting (See Section J, Attachment 14, for Sample Reporting Format).
  - Any small business awardee not meeting the 50% requirements as required by FAR 52.219-14 will be placed on probation for the following six-month period after submission of the report showing non-compliance with subcontracting. After submission of the report for the probation period, small businesses that are still not in compliance with the 50% requirement will not be allowed to submit a proposal for any new task orders and the awardees next option will not be exercised.

# Limitations on Subcontracting

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- Small Business prime contractor must perform 50% of the combined total of all task orders to date.
- Measured per individual contract award to each small business prime contractor.
- Small Business prime contractors can have both small and large business subcontractors on their proposed teams.

# Recertification Requirements

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- Section H.2 Small Business Size Status
  - 1 Year Base
  - 9 One-Year Option Periods
- Recertification is required at:
  - the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> option year
  - Each year thereafter prior to exercise of the next option period
  - Prior to the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> option year or each option year thereafter IF a small business prime contractor has been purchased by or merges with another company

# Recertification Requirements (Continued)

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- At Recertification:
  - If the small business exceeds the size standard at the time of the recertification, the small business prime will be allowed to perform under currently awarded tasks, however, the business size under the contract will change. No new work will be allowed and at the end of the performance period of current task orders, the business will no longer be affiliated with the TIPSS 4 contract.
  - The small business prime contractor will not be allowed to designate a current team member to assume the prime contractor role.
  - An 8(a) concern upon graduation from the 8(a) program will no longer be considered an 8(a) firm, but if the 8(a) graduate does not exceed the designated size standard for the NAICS code upon graduation, the 8(a) graduate's business type will be changed but the 8(a) graduate will be allowed to continue as a TIPSS 4 prime contractor.

# Questions

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