



POLICY FLASH

POLICY FLASH 2005-50

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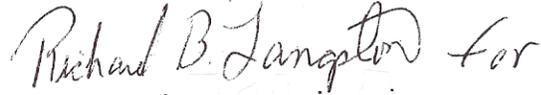
SUBJECT: Increasing Awards to Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

SUMMARY: On December 16, 2003, the President signed the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-183 at section 308), requiring federal agencies and departments to give special consideration to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans during federal contracting and procurement. On October 20th, 2004, the President signed Executive Order 13360 calling for increased federal contracting and subcontracting opportunities for service-disabled veteran businesses. On June 7, 2005, the Secretary of Energy issued a memorandum, [Contracting with Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses](#), which outlines the Department's policy on facilitating participation of SDVOSB concerns in our contracting process and utilization of the authority of section 308 of the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003.

FAR 19.1405 permits Contracting Officers to set-aside acquisitions exceeding the micro-purchase threshold for competition restricted to service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) concerns if there is a reasonable expectation that offers will be received from two or more service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns and award will be made at a fair market price. If the contracting officer receives only one acceptable offer from a service-disabled veteran-owned small business concern in response to a set-aside, the contracting officer should make an award to that concern (see FAR 19.1405(c)).

To support the government-wide and departmental policies, DOE acquisition personnel are encouraged to utilize every available resource to ensure DOE is doing its part to support SDVOSB concerns in its contracting process. DOE contracting officers should utilize the authorities implemented in the FAR, GSA Multiple Award Schedules (MASs), on-line resources (e.g., <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>), etc. to achieve this goal.

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