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TO: Heads of Contracting

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 Small Business Goals

The Small Business Act (The Act) provides that each agency shall have an annual goal that represents, for that agency, the maximum practicable opportunity for small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, small business concerns owned and controlled by women, small business concerns owned and controlled by service disabled veterans, and Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) small business concerns to participate in the performance of contracts led by that agency.

The Act provides for the establishment of Government-wide goals for award of not less than 23 percent of the total value of Federal prime contracts to small businesses each Fiscal Year (FY). It also provides for the establishment of individual prime contracting goals for Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB): 5 percent, Women-owned Small Businesses (WOSB): 5 percent, Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB): 3 percent, and HUBZone Small Businesses: 3 percent.

The Act does not set a statutory Government-wide requirement for small business sub-contracting participation. However, it does mandate a subcontracting Government-wide goal for SDB, WOSB, SDVOSB, and HUBZone of 5 percent, 5 percent, 3 percent and 3 percent, respectively.

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) FY 2015 small business prime and subcontracting goals are shown in the table below. The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has made the decision to set every agency's small business goal at the maximum practicable amount as determined by the SBA and the other socio-economic prime and subcontracting goals at the Government-wide mandated level. Each contracting activity within USDA will be held to the goals outlined below, which contribute to the Department maintaining a leadership position among Federal agencies.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Final FY 2015 Goals

	Prime	Sub
Small Business	53.00%	23.00%
-SDB	5.0%	5.0%
-WOSB	5.0%	5.0%
-SDVOSB	3.0%	3.0%
-HUBZone	3.0%	3.0%

If you should have questions regarding the goals, please contact me at 202-720-7117.

Thank you very much for your continued support of my office and the small business community.

cc: Agency Small Business Specialists