19.203 Relationship among small business programs.

(a) *General*. There is no order of precedence among the 8(a) Program (subpart 19.8), *HUBZone* Program (subpart 19.13), *Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program* (subpart 19.14), or the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program (subpart 19.15).

(b) *At or below the simplified acquisition threshold*. For *acquisitions* of *supplies* or services that have an anticipated dollar value above the *micro-purchase* threshold, but at or below the *simplified acquisition threshold*, the requirement at 19.502-2(a) to set aside *acquisitions* for small business *concerns* does not preclude the *contracting officer* from awarding a contract to a small business under the 8(a) Program, *HUBZone* Program, SDVOSB Program, or WOSB Program.

(c) *Above the simplified acquisition threshold*. For *acquisitions* of *supplies* or services that have an anticipated dollar value exceeding the *simplified acquisition threshold* definition at 2.101, the *contracting officer shall* first consider an *acquisition* for the small business socioeconomic *contracting* programs (*i.e.*, 8(a), *HUBZone*, SDVOSB, or WOSB programs) before considering a small business set-aside (see 19.502-2(b)). However, if a requirement has been accepted by the SBA under the 8(a) Program, it *must* remain in the 8(a) Program unless the SBA agrees to its release in accordance with 13 CFR parts 124, 126, 127, and 128.

(d) In determining which socioeconomic program to use for an *acquisition*, the *contracting* officer *should* consider, at a minimum-

(1) Results of *market research* that was done to determine if there are socioeconomic firms capable of satisfying the agency’s requirement; and

(2) Agency progress in fulfilling its small business goals.

(e) Small business set-asides have priority over *acquisitions* using *full and open competition*. See requirements for establishing a small business set-aside at subpart 19.5.

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