19.816 Exiting the 8(a) program.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, when a contractor exits the 8(a) program, it is no longer eligible to receive new 8(a) contracts. However, the contractor remains under contractual obligation to complete existing contracts, and any priced *options* that *may* be exercised.

(b) If an 8(a) contractor is suspended from the program (see 13 CFR 124.305), it *may* not receive any new 8(a) contracts unless the head of the *contracting* agency makes a determination that it is in the best interest of the Government to issue the award and SBA adopts that determination.

(c) A contractor that has completed its term of participation in the 8(a) program *may* be awarded a competitive 8(a) contract if it was an 8(a) participant eligible for award of the contract on the initial date specified for receipt of *offers* contained in the *solicitation*, and if the contractor continues to meet all other applicable eligibility criteria (see 13 CFR 124.507(d)).

(d) SBA's regulations on exiting the 8(a) program are found at 13 CFR 124.301 through 124.305, and 13 CFR 124.507(d).

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