

## 19.1500 General.

(a) Section 8(m) of the Small Business Act ([15 U.S.C. 637\(m\)](#)) created the Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program.

(b) The purpose of the WOSB Program is to ensure *women-owned small business concerns* have an equal opportunity to participate in Federal *contracting* and to assist agencies in achieving their women-owned small business participation goals (see 13 part CFR 127).

(c) An *economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concern* and a WOSB *concern* eligible under the WOSB Program are subcategories of “*women-owned small business concern*” as defined in section [2.101](#).

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 19.15 - Women-Owned Small Business Program.](#)