

19.203 Relationship among small business programs.

(a) 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) Procurement 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 exceeding \$3,500 (\$20,000 for acquisitions as described in [13.201](#)(g)(1)), but not exceeding \$150,000 (\$750,000 for acquisitions described in paragraph (1)(i) of the simplified acquisition threshold definition at [2.101](#)), the requirement at [19.502-2](#)(a) to exclusively reserve 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, 125, and 126.

(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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