



FY 2009 Strategy to Implement Executive Order 13360 Strengthening Opportunities in Federal Contracting for Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses

On October 21, 2004, Executive Order 13360 was signed ordering Federal agencies to strengthen opportunities in contracting for service-disabled veteran owned businesses (SDVOB). The term “service-disabled veteran owned business” means a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, as defined in section 3(q) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(q)).

In accordance with the Executive Order, Section 2(a), the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) fiscal year 2009 strategy to implement the SDVOB Executive Order is as follows:

Senior Designee: The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (PMB).

DOI’s Strategy: The following actions have been taken or will be taken to provide opportunities for SDVOB to significantly increase their contracting and subcontracting opportunities with DOI.

- The Assistant Secretary for PMB is the senior level official responsible for development and implementation of DOI’s strategy. The Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) will serve as the agency representative for reporting the implementation and progress of this plan.
- DOI will make public its strategy to strengthening opportunities in Federal contracting for SDVOB its OSDBU website.
- During fiscal year 2008, DOI began the process of incorporating a small business element in senior officials’ performance standards to ensure that all small businesses strategies are taken serious and implemented when possible. The small business element has been incorporated in the Assistant Secretary for Business Management and Budget and the directors of the offices of Acquisition and Property Management and Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. This process is intended to be included in additional senior level managers’ performances as we mature the requirement.
- DOI will continue to participate in small business counseling sessions sponsored by other agencies and trade associations that support to increase contracting opportunities for the benefit of SDVOB. This process will increase SDVOB knowledge of DOI’s prime and subcontracting opportunities.
- DOI continues to issue guidance to its contracting officers and small business specialists on how to identify SDVOB capable of meeting DOI requirements when conducting market research, and when appropriate, set such requirements aside for SDVOB.
- DOI will work with its bureaus and offices to identify specific requirements that can be set-aside for SDVOB.

- When developing its forecast of contracting opportunities, DOI will identify specific requirements set-aside for SDVOB and other small businesses.
- DOI will promote SDVOB participation in its subcontracting program by continuing to make the subcontracting plan part of the evaluation criteria on major projects.
- DOI will pay particular attention to SDVOB subcontracting goals included in prime contractors' proposed subcontracting plans to make sure the plans comply with the 3 percent statutory goal. In addition, DOI's OSDBU will identify prime contractors not meeting the SDVOB subcontracting goal and send them letters requesting that they identify their corrective action plans and offering them OSDBU assistance in identifying potential SDVOB subcontractors.
- To increase outreach to SDVOB, DOI's OSDBU will link its website other supporting websites that will broaden its outreach efforts for the benefit of SDVOB.
- DOI's OSDBU begin the process to recognize outstanding SDVOB as well as prime contractors that have done a commendable job subcontracting with SDVOB.
- Although, DOI did not meet its federal wide SDVOD goal of 3% as represented below for fiscal year 2008, DOI will continue to strive and emphasize to our contracting personal, the importance of doing business with SDVOB. DOI is confident with the continued support of our contracting community that we will reach its SDVOSB goal for fiscal year 2009.

	<u>Total Dollars</u>	<u>SDVOSB \$'s</u>		<u>Pct.</u>
FY'04	\$2,499,808,860	\$16,290,690	FY'04	0.65%
FY'05	\$2,711,549,212	\$30,982,040	FY'05	1.14%
FY'06	\$2,578,785,258	\$33,384,566	FY'06	1.29%
FY'07	\$2,715,460,334	\$37,079,913	FY'07	1.37%
FY'08	\$2,712,591,748	\$65,811,740	FY'08	2.43%

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