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Department of the Interior Acquisition Policy Release (DIAPR) 1998 - 4

Subject: The Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program (SBCDP)

1. **Purpose.** This policy release provides bureau and office contracting personnel with updated information regarding the SBCDP.
2. **Effective Date.** The instructions contained in this release are applicable to solicitations issued on, or after, the date of this DIAPR.
3. **Expiration Date.** September 30, 2000, unless superseded or canceled.
4. **Background and Explanation.** On December 2, 1997, the President signed the "Small Business Programs Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 1997" (Act), which among other changes, **extended the term of the SBCDP indefinitely.**

While neither the Office of Federal Procurement Policy nor Federal Acquisition Regulation Secretariat has issued any guidance regarding the legislation, the Act itself states that agencies shall conduct an annual review of the program data by January 31 and shall **monitor the attainment of small business participation goals on an annual basis (instead of the current quarterly system).**

5. **Action Required.** This office will suspend further adjustments of set-aside policy until the Department receives formal guidance from one of the regulatory bodies. Bureaus and Offices should **continue following the SBCDP set-aside policies established in DIAPR 1997-9 dated July 8, 1997, until further notice.**

Please contact Frank Gisondi, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization ((202) 208-4907), if you should have any questions regarding the SBCDP.


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