



U.S. Small Business
Administration

Small Business Update

**NASA Marshall Space Flight Center
Small Business Executive Leadership Team (SBELT)**

September 16, 2025

Legislative Action

Introduced in the House

- [H.R.2804](#) (Velazquez) – Amend the SB Act to codify the Rule of Two

Introduced in the Senate

- [S.2656](#) (Markey) – Codify the Rule of Two

Executive Action

Eliminating Waste and Saving Taxpayer Dollars by Consolidating Procurement

[Executive Order](#) dated March 20, 2025

- GSA to conduct procurement for agencies for domestic common goods and services
 - Returns GSA to its original purpose from 1949
 - Within 60 days, Agency heads must submit proposals to consolidate common goods/servs; GSA plan due in 90 days
- Within 30 days, GSA to become executive agent for all IT GWACs, unless “deferred or declined”
 - GSA to “rationalize” IT IDIQs to identify/eliminate duplication and redundancy
 - OMB Director to issue memo within 14 days

Recent SBA Regulatory Action

SBA Proposed Rule: Small Business Size Standards

[90 FR 41168](#) (Aug. 22, 2025)

- Proposes to increase its monetary based small business size definitions (commonly referred to as “size standards”) for 263 industries (259 receipts based and four assets based (financial institutions)).
- Proposes to retain receipts based size standards for 237 industries and 12 subindustries (“exceptions”) and remove one exception for 488510 Non-Vessel Owing Common Carriers and Household Good Forwarders.
- SBA also invites comments on its proposed policy of not lowering any size standards, except for excluding dominant firms from qualifying as small.
- Public comment period ends Oct 21, 2025.

FAR

Regulatory Action

FAR Final Rule: Clarification of System for Award Management Preaward Registration Requirements

[90 FR 38206](#) (Aug. 7, 2025)

- Offeror must be registered on Sam.gov at time of offer submission and at time of contract award but not required to be registered in between those two points in time.

FAR Final Rule: Threshold Increases for FY26 (Effective Oct. 1)

[90 FR 41872](#) (Aug 27, 2025)

Description	Current Threshold	Proposed Increased Threshold
Micropurchase threshold	\$10,000	\$15,000
Simplified Acquisition threshold	\$250,000	\$350,000
8(a) justification threshold for civilian-agency sole-source awards to entity-owned participants and certain other sole-source awards	\$25 million	\$30 million
Prime contractor subcontracting plan threshold	\$750,000 (\$1.5 million for construction)	\$900,000 (\$2 million for construction)
8(a), HUBZone, WOSB sole-source threshold	\$4.5 million (\$7 million for manufacturing)	\$5.5 million (\$8.5 million for manufacturing)
SDVOSB sole-source threshold	\$4 million (\$7 million for manufacturing)	\$5 million (\$8.5 million for manufacturing)

FAR Withdrawn Proposed Rules

- [90 FR 24773](#) (June 11, 2025) withdraws [90 FR 3753](#)– Small Business Participation on Certain Multiple-Award Contracts – to comply with [EO 14148](#)
- [90 FR 24774](#) (June 11, 2025) withdraws [90 FR 3761](#) – Protests of Orders Under Certain Multiple-Award Contracts – to comply with [EO 14148](#)
- [90 FR 24774](#) (June 11, 2025) withdraws [88 FR 20822](#) - Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Programs – will be revisited after RFO

Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO)

Summary

FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 1](#) - Emergency Acquisitions ([Practitioner Album](#)) – Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **September 30, 2025**
- [FAR Part 4](#) - Administrative and Information Matters ([Practitioner Album](#)) – Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**
- [FAR Part 8](#) - Required Sources of Supplies and Services ([Practitioner Album](#)) – **Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025****
- [FAR Part 9](#) – Contractor Qualifications ([Practitioner Album](#)) – Submit Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 6, 2025**
- [FAR Part 12](#) – Acquisition of Commercial Products and Commercial Services ([Practitioner Album](#)) – Submit Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**

FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 28](#) – Bonds and Insurance ([Practitioner Album](#)) – Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**
- [FAR Part 30](#) - Cost Accounting Standards Administration ([Practitioner Album](#)) – Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**
- [FAR Part 33](#) - Protests, Disputes, and Appeals ([Practitioner Album](#)) - Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 6, 2025**
- [FAR Part 34](#) -Major System Acquisition ([Practitioner Album](#)) - Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **September 30, 2025**

FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 38](#) – Reserved ([Practitioner Album](#)) - Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**
- [FAR Part 46](#) – Construction and Architect-Engineer Contracts (A-E) ([Practitioner Album](#)) - Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 6, 2025**
- [FAR Part 48](#) – Value Engineering ([Practitioner Album](#)) - Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**
- [FAR Part 51](#) – Reserved ([Practitioner Album](#)) - Submit Public Feedback [Here](#) – Due **October 14, 2025**

FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 6](#) – Competition Requirements
 - Explicit references to socioeconomic set-asides removed and replaced with references to FAR 19 (not overhauled yet)
 - Clarifies competition requirements and roles of acquisition team
 - “Contracting officers may set aside acquisitions for small business concerns. This authority also includes—
 - (a) Contract actions conducted under the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.
 - (b) Contract actions set aside for specific small business socioeconomic categories (see part 19).”

FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 8](#) – Required Sources of Supplies and Services
 - Simplifies the mandatory source guidance; clarifies that Governmentwide Best-In-Class (BIC) are mandatory; focus on AbilityOne Program
 - removed FAR 8.405-5, which provides CO discretion to set aside orders or BPAs for SB programs; preserved the consideration of SBs for non-mandatory sources to satisfy supplies and services



FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 8.4](#) – Orders under the Federal Supply Schedule
 - 8.401(b) states “agencies must follow the ordering procedures established by GSA and found at subpart 538.71.
 - 538.7102-1 FSS program. (b) Unless otherwise prescribed, FAR parts 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, and 19 do not apply to this subpart.
 - 538.7102-2 Placing FSS orders and establishing FSS BPAs.
 - (c) Ordering activities may—
 - (1) Set aside, reserve or otherwise place orders or establish FSS BPAs with small business concerns identified in FAR part 19.
- The FSS was exempt from FAR 19 prior to the FAR Overhaul and the FAR Overhaul maintains that exemption.
- However, the problem for small business is now compounded due to Executive Order [Eliminating Waste and Saving Taxpayer Dollars by Consolidating Procurement](#)
 - This order requires agencies to have GSA “conduct domestic procurement with respect to common goods and services for the agency.”
 - Countless more acquisitions will be using the FSS and not be mandated to follow FAR 19 to support small business

FAR Overhaul

- [FAR Part 10](#) – Market Research
 - No longer list specific market research considerations or techniques; Competition in Contact Act preserved; policy and procedures combined (**removing reference to small business**), procedures not required by statute move to companion guide; consolidation and bundling removed, found redundant to FAR Part 7; disaster relief purchasing removed, found redundant to FAR Part 26

SBA Announcements

8(a) Announcements

- [SBA Reinstates Rule to Return Federal Contractors to Work | U.S. Small Business Administration](#) (June 17, 2025)
 - Moratorium on physical office requirement for 8(a) Program will end on September 30, 2025
 - Effective Oct. 1, participants in the 8(a) Program will once again be required to have an actual, physical office within the geographic area in which they are bidding on **federal construction** contracts.

New Websites and Guides

- MySBA Certifications
 - <https://certification.sba.gov/>
- Small Business Search is live (will replace DSBS)
 - [Small Business Search](#)
 - [Small Business Search Help Guide](#)
- GOVCON Match
 - [GovCon Match](#)

SBA Manufacturing Links

- [Make Onshoring Great Again portal:](#)
- sba.gov/onshoring
- [Cutting Red Tape for Small Manufactures:](#)
- advocacy.sba.gov/hotline
- 800-827-5722
- [Empower to Grow:](#)
- sba.gov/e2g