



SBA Policy Notice

TO: GCBD, OFO, Regional Administrators,
District Directors, Business Opportunity Specialists

SUBJECT: 8(a) Business Development Program

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EFFECTIVE: February 20, 2026

Thanks to Administrator Loeffler's historic 8(a) audit, longstanding failures in the program's oversight are coming to light. As a result, on February 11, 2026, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the intent to terminate and the suspension of 154 Washington D.C. based 8(a) firms for clear ineligibility.

Over the years, these firms became ineligible yet continued to remain active Participants in the 8(a) Business Development (BD) program and receive 8(a) benefits, including 8(a) contracts, despite SBA's annual reviews. To root out ineligible firms in the 8(a) program, swift action must be taken.

To that end, effective immediately, final determinations regarding continued 8(a) BD eligibility arising from annual reviews shall be authorized only by the Associate Administrator of Office of Government Contracting and Business Development (AA/GCBD) or designee.

SBA personnel who review 8(a) annual review submissions may continue to examine current and future submissions for completeness, accuracy, and other standard review checks. However, these personnel are not permitted to make any final determination to approve or deny continued program participation.

Only GCBD personnel expressly authorized by the AA/GCBD shall be authorized to formally approve or deny continued 8(a) program participation.

Thank you,

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**EXPIRES:
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