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SBA SMALL BUSINESS MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

To be an eligible **Mentor** in **SBA's New Small Business Mentor-Protégé Program**, a contractor must meet all the following criteria:

- ☐ For profit entity.
- ☐ Capable of carrying out responsibilities of assisting protégé firm (demonstrated through federal tax returns, audited financial statements, or in the case of publicly traded concerns, the filings required by the Securities and Exchange Commission).
- ☐ Can impart value through lessons learned and practical experience gained or through its knowledge of general business operations and government contracting.
- ☐ Possesses good character.
- ☐ Not on federal list of debarred or suspended contractors.
- ☐ Cannot have more than three (3) current protégés.

To be an eligible **Protégé** in **SBA's New Small Business Mentor-Protégé Program**, a contractor must meet all the following criteria:

- ☐ Qualify as small:
  - ☐ For primary NAICS code size standard; or
  - ☐ For secondary NAICS code size standard and
    - Identify seeking business development assistance in secondary NAICS code;
    - Demonstrate benefits of mentor-protégé relationship; and
    - Have prior experience in secondary NAICS code.
- ☐ May self-certify as small for primary or secondary NAICS code.
- ☐ Does not have another mentor except SBA may approve a second mentor where:
  - ☐ Second mentor relationship is in unrelated NAICS code; or
  - ☐ Protégé seeks specific expertise first mentor does not have.
- ☐ Has not already had two (2) mentors under the SBA's Small Business Mentor-Protégé Program.

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