

Subcontracting Basics

Provided for your information by the MDA Office of Small Business Programs.

Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 19.7 requires:

- Large Primes and other-than-small subcontractors with contracts more than \$650,000 (or \$1,500,000 for construction) to submit subcontracting plans inclusive of specific percentage goals for Small Business, HUBZone Small Business, Small Disadvantaged Business, Women-Owned Small Business, Veteran Owned Small Business, and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business
- Submission of subcontracting plans which must contain a description of the methods and efforts used to make certain that small business enterprises have a fair and equitable opportunity to compete for subcontracts
- Prime Contractors to submit subcontracting plans to the awarding agency for review prior to the award of any contract

The requirement to submit a subcontracting plan DOES NOT apply to:

- Small Businesses
- Contracts Under the Previously Mentioned Dollar Amounts
- Prime Contracts not Offering Subcontracting Possibilities
- Personal Services Contracts
- Contracts/Modifications to be Performed Entirely Outside the United States
- Modifications to Contracts within the General Scope of the Contract that do not Contain FAR 52.219-8

Submission of Subcontracting Reporting Data via the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS)

The Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) is the official, web-based system by which large prime contractors should submit both the Individual Subcontracting Report (formerly SF 294) and the Summary Subcontract Report (formerly SF 295). eSRS provides the federal government with clear insight as to how contracting dollars are being disbursed amongst small and disadvantaged businesses. Mandated by the revised FAR 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, eSRS was officially launched on October 28, 2005 with the Missile Defense agency coming online to receive reports for the October 2008 reporting period. Although eSRS is operational for all users, the system continues to be enhanced. The log-in page for the eSRS system can be found at www.esrs.gov.

To learn more about eSRS, please visit the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) website for general eSRS training modules and webcasts at <http://view.dau.mil/dauvideo/view/eventListing.jhtml?eventid=2158>.

Contractors may also contact their nearest SBA Commercial Market Representative (CMR) (see list at <http://www.sba.gov/GC/cmr.html>) with non-technical questions regarding submission of data via eSRS. For specific inquiries regarding submission of subcontracting data to MDA via eSRS, please contact the Office of Small Business Programs by telephone at 256-955-4828 or send an email to subcontracting-oversight@mda.mil.