



## About the Jobs Act

It assists small businesses competing for Federal contracts. Section 1331 allows agencies to set aside task and delivery orders to small businesses under multiple award contracts.

## What GSA Recommends

Contracting Officers, *at their discretion*, may set aside orders for small business and the following small business subcategories:

- 8(a) business development participants
- HUBZone small business
- Service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB)
- Economically disadvantaged women-owned small business
- Women-owned small business concerns eligible under the Women-Owned Small Business Program

## Best Practice

It's dependent on your business judgment whether to implement small business set-asides or not. Consider them when:

- It's in the best interest of the taxpayer
- Your agency needs to improve progress on meeting socioeconomic goals
- There are at least 2 eligible contractors capable of filling your requirement

## SMALL BUSINESS JOBS ACT OF 2010

# Set Aside Orders Against Multiple Award Contracts for Small Business

## What You Need To Know

Recent regulatory action provides agencies with the ability to set aside orders issued under Multiple Award Schedules. Contracting Officers are not required to set aside orders—it is completely voluntary.

Before this rule, agencies were prohibited from setting aside orders under the Multiple Award Schedules program.

## Follow FAR 8.4 Ordering Procedures For Set Asides

You must still follow the ordering procedures under [FAR 8.4](#) for GSA Schedule set aside orders. In general, FAR Part 19 Small Business Programs, does not apply. Remember, Contracting Officers are not required to set-aside orders. It doesn't matter whether the order is above or below the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) (\$150,000).

## Specific Set-Aside Eligibility Requirements

Contracting officers may only set aside certain orders for eligible 8(a), Women-owned small businesses (WOSB) or Economically disadvantaged women-owned small businesses (EDWOSB). Order limitations:

To set aside orders for...	Order must...
WOSB/ EDWOSB	Not exceed \$6.5 million for manufacturing (\$4 million for all other orders) and be within scope of NAICS code industries specified by SBA
8(a)	Exceed \$6.5 million for manufacturing (\$4 million for all other orders)
HUBZone/SDVOSB	No limitations

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