MEETING AGENDA

AGC – Small Business Session 2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

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AGC Chair, Small Business Committee

Small Business Representatives from SBA, GSA, NAVFAC, and USACE

AGC Questions for Agencies

1. Small Business Initiatives
   Please provide a general update on new, upcoming, and anticipated small business initiatives that will impact federal construction contracting.

2. Executive Order on Underserved Small Businesses
   In June 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order (EO) directing an “all-of-government effort to expand contracting opportunities for underserved small businesses across the country.” Among other initiatives, the goal of the E.O. is to increase the share of contracts going to small disadvantaged businesses (SDB) by 50 percent by 2026, which the Administration calculates as an additional $100 billion to SDBs over this five-year period. SDBs include 8(a) participants and other small businesses that are at least 51% owned and controlled by socially or economically disadvantaged individual or group. The Administration was silent about the other small business subcategories such as Women-Owned Small Businesses, HUBZone Small Businesses, and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses. While nowhere stated in the White House’s Fact Sheet, it is presumed the small business goal for SDB federal contracts will increase from 5% to 7.5%, a fifty percent increase. Given that small business goals on federal contracts are codified in statute it is likely there will be legislative initiatives or other regulatory efforts that will need to go to the traditional public rulemaking process. Federal agencies and contractors routinely strive to exceed the small business goals. According to a recent Congressional Research Service report that analyzed federal contracts in FY2019 SBD contractors received 8.69% of all federal Contracts and 10.13% of all small business eligible federal contracts.

Questions:
A. Please provide an update on your agency’s implementation of this executive order.
B. What, if any, are the possible challenges that agency personnel will have to
increase these small business goals?

3. Past Performance Ratings for Small Business Joint Venture Members and Small Business First-Tier Subcontractors

Recently, regulations were proposed to implement provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act FY 2021, to require performance evaluations in accordance with specified conditions for individual partners of joint ventures for construction and architect-engineer services contracts with an estimated value of $750,000 or more.

Questions:
A. Please provide an update on this new regulation.
B. Are SBA, GSA, NAVFAC, and USACE coordinating on this regulation in order to provide a uniform standard?
C. What, if any, are the possible challenges that agency personnel will have with using this new data?

General Questions
Open questions from the floor?