
MEETING AGENDA

AGC – Small Business Session

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM

Welcome and Introductions

Roger Bartlett
AGC Chair, Small Business Committee

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

SBA Representative

Sam Le
Director of Policy Planning and Liaison

GSA Representative

Paul Martin
National Small Business & Engagement Division Director

NAVFAC Representative

Bianca Henderson
Director, Small Business Programs

USACE Representative

Valerie Oliver
Deputy Director of Small Business Programs

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.

- A. Agencies to present a few slides with new initiatives and rules.
- B. Questions from AGC Chair of Small Business Committee.

2) Challenges to Increasing Small Business Participation

Federal construction contractors of all sizes, but especially small businesses, are facing new and onerous requirements that make it increasingly costly and risky to perform federal work. In recent years federal small businesses have had to comply, or need to comply, with a host of costly regulations and reporting requirements that will add expenses and risks to being a federal contractor. A few of these new requirements include: Cybersecurity (such as, Sec. 889B, NIST 800-171, or CMMC); Greenhouse Gas Reporting Requirements; Increased

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domestic content requirements for construction materials; COVID-19 vaccination requirements (recently withdrawn after two years); and Project Labor Agreement requirements.

The Administration has a number of initiatives to increase small business participation, such as increasing the share of contracts going to small disadvantaged businesses (SDB) by 50 percent by 2026, and increasing the small business goal for SDB federal contracts will increase from 5% to 7.5%. Federal agencies and contractors routinely strive to exceed the small business goals. Likewise, AGC has seen many small businesses exit the federal market, or more commonly beginning to diversify away from only performing federal work.

Open Discussion and Questions:

- A. Please provide an update on your agency's efforts to increase small businesses participation.
- B. AGC members to provide feedback and suggestions on challenges small businesses have entering or performing federal construction work.

General Questions

Open questions from the floor?