

ASDP Newsletter



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Welcome to our 1st Alliance of Supplier Diversity Professionals Newsletter!

You belong here and I'm excited to share that we're making a significant investment in our certification programs this year, aiming to elevate the quality of training to a new level. This strategic use of funds ensures that our certification programs not only meet but surpass industry standards. These improvements are tailored to benefit both current supplier diversity professionals seeking the latest information and those beginning their certification journey.

Our commitment to quality and innovation underscores our dedication to providing you with the most relevant and valuable knowledge in your field. Stay tuned for the reveal of these enhancements as the entire ASDP team collectively raises the bar for excellence in professional Supplier Diversity certification.

Being the only non-profit offering both training and certification sets us apart, and we're only getting better. Don't miss the opportunity to belong to a network and community that shares your values, stays updated on regulatory changes, and aims for success in the small business subcontracting program just like you do. If there's anything we can improve, feel free to reach out to me.

Hudson Oliveira
President - ASDP

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Upcoming Training - Register Now



June 18-21, 2024

Please plan to arrive the afternoon of the 17th



DoubleTree by Hilton
Orlando Airport
5555 Hazeltine
National Drive
Orlando, FL 32812



Become a Certified
Supplier Diversity
Professional (CSDP)

\$1,495



Hot Industry Events

WBENC National Conference
March 19-22, 2024
Denver, CO

TRIAD
March 19, 2024 @ 1:00 - 4:45pm

SBA 2nd Wednesday's
Email: Stephanie.Lewis@sba.gov
March 13, 2024 - Virtual

DoD Mid- Atlantic Regional Council
(MARC) Meeting
March 28, 2024 1:00- 3:00pm - Virtual



Murray Schooner Award

The Alliance of Supplier Diversity Professionals (ASDP) award is named after Murray Schooner, a former Supplier Diversity Manager at Unisys who, for over 30 years, promoted and lived by the ideals upon which this award is based.

ASDP accepts nominations until May 15th annually. ***For Members only***

Find more information here: [Murray Award](#)

Small Business Trivia



KO Explanations

If the Offeror identifies a small business concern as a subcontractor in a bid, proposal, or subcontracting plan, the Offeror must provide the Contracting Officer with a written explanation if the Offeror fails to acquire articles, equipment, supplies, services, or materials as described in the bid, proposal, or subcontracting plan.



Mentor Protege

In an SBA MP agreement, a JV between a mentor and a protégé can be formed once throughout the lifetime of the 6 year MPA between the mentor and the protégé.

**Check your answers by
emailing
Communication@asdpu.us**



Untimely Payments

A small business subcontracting plan must include assurances that the Offeror will pay its small business subcontractors on time and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the underlying subcontract, and notify the contracting officer when the prime contractor makes either a reduced or an untimely payment to a small business subcontractor.



Legislative Updates

Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act

Tightened payments for subcontractors, increased the SDVOSB goal from 3% to 5%, required SDVOSB's to be certified by the SBA by Dec 22, 2024 (or have an application pending on this data) & calls for DoD contracting officers to consider the past performance of small business affiliates.

Mentor Protégé Program Made Permanent

The Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense proposes to modify DFARS subpart 219.71 and DFARS appendix I to implement section 856 of the NDAA for FY 2023, which authorizes on a permanent basis and modifies the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program (the Program).

Credit for Lower Tier Subcontracting

Effective November 13, 2023, the SBA issued a final rule that will permit a prime contractor with an individual subcontracting plan to apply credit for subcontracts to small businesses at lower tiers toward its subcontracting goals. To do so, the prime contractor would incorporate the lower-tier subcontracting performance into its subcontracting-plan goals.



Resources & Other news!

National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)
<https://nmsdc.org/>

Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC)
<https://www.wbenc.org/>

National Gay Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)
<https://nglcc.org/>

System of Award Management (SAM)
<https://sam.gov/>

National 8a Association
<https://www.national8aassociation.org/>

HUBZone National Council
<https://hubzonecouncil.org/>

U.S. Department of Defense
<https://dod.defense.gov/>

Welcome to the ASDP Team!

April Fisher comes to ASDP with an impressive 18-year career in manufacturing supply chain management. She's currently a Supplier Diversity Officer and SBLO at L3Harris

Laura Wartel comes to ASDP with years of experience in the federal contracting space. Laura currently works as the Supplier Diversity Manager at Battelle and thrives on connecting with new small business suppliers.

Yadira Beltre, our newest ASDP board member & secretary comes to ASDP with close to 20 years of experience in federal government subcontracting and small business advocacy. She leads the Small Business program at CACI.

Please reach out to Education@ASDP.us if you'd like to join the team!

Thank you for reading!

