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POLICY ALERT
No. 11-61
**Maximizing Small Business Utilization under Multiple
Award Schedule Programs**

REFERENCES: [DPAP Memorandum dated August 19, 2011, Maximizing Small Business Utilization under Multiple Award Schedule Programs](#)

TYPE OF ACTION: DPAP Memorandum

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 19, 2011

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is committed to providing contracting opportunities for small businesses. Although the mandatory preference programs of FAR Part 19 do not apply to Federal Supply Schedule orders, the orders placed against schedule contracts may be credited toward the ordering activity's small business goals. FAR 8.405-5(b) states that ordering activities may consider socio-economic status when identifying contractor(s) for consideration or competition for award of an order or Blanket Purchase Agreement.

ACTION REQUIRED: Contracting Officers are encouraged to solicit at least two or more small businesses when using Federal Supply Schedules.

This Policy Alert is effective on the date indicated above, and remains in effect until incorporated into the acquisition policy, as appropriate, or until otherwise rescinded.

You may direct comments/questions on this Policy Alert to the Contract Policy and Pricing Branch at 303-676-3985. You may direct questions on the Small Business Program to Marisol Vargas-Busch the Acting Director, TMA Office of Small Business Programs.

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