



# Homeland Security

MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of Contracting Activities  
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FROM: Paul Courtney COURTNEY  
Chief Procurement Officer  
SUBJECT: Class Deviation 24-01 from the Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR): HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program

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**Purpose:** This is a class deviation from the HSAR which updates the Mentor-Protégé Program clause at HSAR 3052.219-71 to include protégé firms that are Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and minority-serving institutions.

**Effective Date:** Immediately.

**Background:** Section 7115 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (P.L. 117-263), made changes to the DHS Mentor-Protégé Program. These changes impacted HSAR clause 3052.219-71. The changes are codified at 6 U.S.C. § 475a: Mentor-Protégé Program.

**Requirement:** Effective immediately, contracting officers shall use the deviated clause HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program (DEVIATION) (APR 2024) instead of the original clause as prescribed in HSAR 3019.708-70(a).

**Applicability:** This class deviation applies to all solicitations and contracts that will include HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS mentor-protégé program.

**Expiration:** This class deviation will remain in effect until the revisions to HSAR 3052.219-71 are incorporated into the HSAR or is otherwise rescinded.

**Attachment:**

Attachment 1: HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program (DEVIATION) (APR 2024) - Clean Version

Attachment 2: HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program (DEVIATION) (APR 2024) - Strikethrough Version

Questions or comments about this class deviation may be directed to Candace Lightfoot at [Candace.Lightfoot@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Candace.Lightfoot@hq.dhs.gov).

**Attachment 1 - HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program (DEVIATION) (APR 2024) – CLEAN VERSION**

**HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program (DEVIATION) (APR 2024)**

As prescribed in (HSAR) 48 CFR 3019.708-70(a), insert the following clause:

(a) Large businesses are encouraged to participate in the DHS Mentor-Protégé program for the purpose of providing developmental assistance to eligible protégé entities to enhance their capabilities and increase their participation in DHS contracts.

(b) The program consists of:

(1) Mentor firms, which are large prime contractors capable of providing developmental assistance;

(2) Protégé firms, are small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, HUBZone small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned small business concerns, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority Serving Institutions; and

(3) Mentor-Protégé agreements, approved by the DHS Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).

(c) Mentor participation in the program means providing business developmental assistance to aid protégés in developing the requisite expertise to effectively compete for and successfully perform DHS contracts and subcontracts.

(d) Large business prime contractors serving as mentors in the DHS Mentor-Protégé program are eligible for a post-award incentive for subcontracting plan credit. The mentor may receive small business subcontracting credit for costs it incurs to provide assistance to a protégé. The mentor may use this additional credit towards attaining its subcontracting plan participation goal under the same or another DHS contract. The amount of credit given to a mentor firm for these protégé developmental assistance costs shall be calculated on a dollar for dollar basis and reported in the Summary Subcontract Report via the Electronic Subcontracting Reporting System (eSRS) at [www.esrs.gov](http://www.esrs.gov). For example, a mentor/large business prime contractor would report a \$10,000 subcontract to the protégé subcontractor and \$5,000 of developmental assistance to the protégé as \$15,000. The Mentor and Protégé will submit a signed joint statement agreeing on the dollar value of the developmental assistance and the Summary Subcontract Report.

(e) Contractors interested in participating in the program are encouraged to contact the DHS OSDBU for more information.

(End of clause)

**Attachment 2 - HSAR 3052.219-71 DHS Mentor-Protégé Program (DEVIATION) (APR 2024) – STRIKETHROUGH VERSION**

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As prescribed in (HSAR) 48 CFR 3019.708-70(a), insert the following clause:

(a) Large businesses are encouraged to participate in the DHS Mentor-Protégé program for the purpose of providing developmental assistance to eligible ~~small business~~ protégé entities to enhance their capabilities and increase their participation in DHS contracts.

(b) The program consists of:

(1) Mentor firms, which are large prime contractors capable of providing developmental assistance;

(2) Protégé firms, ~~which~~ are small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, HUBZone small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned small business concerns, **Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority Serving Institutions**; and

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