

**Subchapter 3019.8 Contracting with the Small Business Administration (The 8(a) Program)****3019.800 General.**

(b) The current DHS and SBA Partnership Agreement (PA) was executed on October 23, 2012, and has no expiration date. The PA is applicable to all new DHS acquisitions under the 8(a) Program. The PA delegates to DHS HCAs the authority to contract directly with firms under the SBA 8(a) Program, on behalf of the SBA. The HCA may redelegate this authority to Component contracting officers, who must be designated as the “agency contracting officer.” The current DHS and SBA PA is Appendix X of this Manual.

**3019.804 Evaluation, offering, and acceptance.****3019.804-3 SBA acceptance.**

(d)(2) The HCA is delegated this authority.

**3019.804-470 Repetitive acquisitions.**

Any requirement which has previously been procured through the 8(a) Program, but which is now being proposed for reprourement outside of the 8(a) Program shall be approved by the Director, OSDDBU, according to Component procedures prior to contracting officer submission to SBA pursuant to the 8(a) PA. The clearance shall be obtained prior to any public notice or solicitation of the requirement.

**3019.810 SBA appeals.**

The HCA is delegated this authority.

**3019.811 Preparing the contracts.****3019.811-1 Sole source.**

(a) As required by HSAM 3019.800(b), the contract to be awarded shall be prepared according to the PA in HSAM Appendix X.

**3019.812 Contract administration.**

(d) The COCO, without redelegation, is delegated this authority.