

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****13 CFR Ch. I****Semiannual Regulatory Agenda**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

**ACTION:** Semiannual Regulatory Agenda.

**SUMMARY:** This Regulatory Agenda is a semiannual summary of all current and projected rulemakings, existing regulations, and completed actions of the Small Business Administration (SBA). For this fall edition of the SBA's Regulatory Agenda, a Regulatory Plan that contains a list of the Agency's most important and significant regulatory actions and a Statement of Regulatory Priorities is also included. This plan appears in both the online Unified Agenda and in part II of the **Federal Register** editions that include the abbreviated Unified Agenda.

This agenda provides the public with information about SBA's regulatory activity. SBA invites the public to submit comments on any aspect of this Agenda. SBA expects that providing early information about pending regulatory activities would encourage more effective public participation in this process.

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**Specific**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SBA provides this notice under the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. sections 601 to 612 and Executive Order 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review," which require each agency to publish a semiannual agenda of regulations. The Regulatory Agenda is a summary of all current and projected rulemakings during the coming one-year period, as well as actions completed since the publication of the last Regulatory Agenda for the agency.

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Dated: September 13, 2012.

**Karen G. Mills,**  
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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION—PROPOSED RULE STAGE**

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**

## Proposed Rule Stage

**380. Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program Revisions**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 634(b)(6); 15 U.S.C. 648

*Abstract:* This rule would update Small Business Development Center (SBDC) program regulations by amending among other things, the: (1) procedures for approving and funding of SBDCs; (2) approval procedures for travel outside the continental U.S. and U.S. territories; (3) procedures and requirements regarding findings and disputes resulting from financial exams, programmatic reviews, accreditation reviews, and other SBA oversight activities; (4) requirements for new and renewal applications for SBDC awards, including the requirements for electronic submission through the approved electronic Government submission facility; and (5) provisions regarding the collection and use of individual SBDC client data.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3245–AE05

**381. SBA Express Loan Program; Export Express Program**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 636(a)(31) and (35)

*Abstract:* SBA plans to issue regulations for the SBA Express loan program codified in section 7(a)(31) of the Small Business Act. The SBA Express loan program reduces the number of Government mandated forms and procedures, streamlines the processing and reduces the cost of smaller, less complex SBA loans. Particular features of the SBA Express loan program include: (1) SBA Express loans carry a maximum SBA guaranty of 50 percent; (2) a response to an SBA Express loan application will be given within 36 hours; (3) lenders and borrowers can negotiate the interest rate, which may not exceed SBA maximums; and (4) qualified lenders may be granted authorization to make eligibility determinations. SBA also plans to issue regulations for the Export Express Program codified at 7(a)(35) of the Small Business Act. The Export Express Program, made permanent by the Small Business Jobs Act, makes guaranteed financing available for export development activities.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3245–AF85

**382. Implementation of Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvement Act of 2008: Expedited Disaster Assistance Program**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 636(j)

*Abstract:* This proposed rule would establish and implement an expedited disaster assistance business loan program under which the SBA will guarantee short-term loans made by private lenders to eligible small businesses located in a catastrophic disaster area. The maximum loan amount is \$150,000, and SBA will guarantee timely payment of principal and interest to the lender. The maximum loan term will be 180 days, and the interest rate will be limited to 300 basis points over the Federal funds rate.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	04/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis*

*Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3245-AF88

### 383. Implementation of Small Business Disaster Response and Loan Improvement Act of 2008: Private Loan Disaster Program

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 636

*Abstract:* This proposed rule would establish and implement a private disaster loan program under which SBA will guarantee loans made by qualified lenders to eligible small businesses and homeowners located in a catastrophic disaster area. Private disaster loans made under this programs will have the same terms and conditions as SBA's direct disaster loans. In addition, SBA will guarantee timely payment of principal and interest to the lender. SBA may guarantee up to 85 percent of any loan under this program and the maximum loan amount is \$2 million.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	06/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3245-AF99

### 384. Women's Business Center Program

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 631; 15 U.S.C. 656

*Abstract:* SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership (OWBO) oversees a network of SBA-funded Women's Business Centers (WBCs) throughout the United States and its territories. WBCs provide management and technical assistance to small business concerns both nascent and established, with a focus on such businesses that are owned and controlled by women, or on women planning to start a business, especially women who are economically or socially disadvantaged. The training and counseling provided by the WBCs encompass a comprehensive array of topics, such as finance, management and marketing in various languages. This rule would propose to codify the requirements and procedures that govern the delivery, funding and evaluation of the management and technical assistance provided under the WBC Program. The rule would address,

among other things, the eligibility criteria for selection as a WBC, use of federal funds, standards for effectively carrying out program duties and responsibilities, and the requirements for reporting on financial and programmatic performance.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	09/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3245-AG02

### 385. 504 and 7(A) Regulatory Enhancements

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 98 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 3245-AG04

### 386. Small Business Jobs Act: Small Business Size Standards; Alternative Size Standard for 7(A) and 504 Business Loan Programs

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111-240, sec 1116

*Abstract:* SBA will amend its size eligibility criteria for Business Loans and for development company loans under title V of the Small Business Investment Act (504). For the SBA 7(a) Business Loan Program, the amendments will provide an alternative size standard for loan applicants that do not meet the small business size standards for their industries. For the 504 Program, the amendments will increase the current alternative standard for applicants for 504 loans. The Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Jobs Act) established alternative size standards that apply to both of these programs until the SBA's Administrator establishes other alternative size standards. This interim final rule will be effective when published because the alternative size standards that the Jobs Act established were effective September 27, 2010, the date of its enactment. These alternative size standards do not affect other Federal government programs, including Federal procurement.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3245-AG16

### 387. Small Business Jobs Act: Small Business Mentor-Protégé Programs

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 99 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

RIN: 3245-AG24

### 388. Small Business Hubzone Program

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 657a

*Abstract:* SBA has been reviewing its processes and procedures for implementing the HUBZone program and has determined that several of the regulations governing the program should be amended in order to resolve certain issues that have arisen. As a result, the proposed rule would constitute a comprehensive revision of part 126 of SBA's regulations to clarify current HUBZone Program regulations, and implement various new procedures. These planned amendments will serve to streamline the HUBZone program and ease program eligibility requirements, particularly those that the small business concerns perceive to be burdensome. In developing this proposed rule, SBA will focus on the principles of Executive Order 13563 to determine whether portions of regulations should be modified, streamlined, expanded or repealed to make the HUBZone program more effective and/or less burdensome on small business concerns. At the same time, SBA will maintain a framework that helps identify and reduce waste, fraud and abuse in the program.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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RIN: 3245-AG38

### 389. Agent Revocation and Suspension Procedures

*Legal Authority:* Not Yet Determined

*Abstract:* These changes to 13 CFR sections 103, 134, and 2 CFR 2700 lay

out a procedural process for SBA's revocation of the privilege of agents to conduct business with the Agency. Included in this process are procedure for proposed revocation, the opportunity to object to the proposed revocation, the revocation decision, as well as requests for reconsideration. These procedures also provide for suspension of the privilege to conduct business with the Agency pending a revocation action. In addition, these changes remove Office of Hearings and Appeals review of suspension, revocation, and debarment actions by SBA.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	02/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245-AG40

**390. Small Business Size Standards: Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)  
*Abstract:* SBA has received numerous comments from businesses, industry associations and other Federal agencies that SBA's small business size standards have not kept pace with changes in industry structure and Federal government contracting marketplace. SBA also recognizes that such changes require a re-evaluation of existing small business size standards. As a result, SBA is conducting a comprehensive review of all small business size standards to determine whether the existing size standards should be retained or revised. In addition, the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 directs SBA to conduct a detailed review of all size standards and to make appropriate adjustments to reflect market conditions. Accordingly, in this proposed rule, SBA will evaluate each industry within the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 21, Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction, and revise, as necessary, size standards for the sector. This is one of a series of proposed rules that will examine industries grouped by a NAICS Sector.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	12/06/12	77 FR 72766

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End. Final Action .....	02/04/13 09/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245-AG44

**391. • Small Business Size Standards for Wholesale Trade**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)  
*Abstract:* SBA is conducting a comprehensive review of all small business size standards to determine whether the existing size standards should be retained or revised. As part of this effort, SBA has evaluated each industry in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 42, Wholesale Trade, and revised these employee-based size standards for certain industries in the sector. This is one of the rules that will examine industries grouped by an NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this proposed rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245-AG49

**392. • Small Business Size Standards for Manufacturing**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)  
*Abstract:* SBA is conducting a comprehensive review of all small business size standards to determine whether the existing size standards should be retained or revised. As part of this effort, SBA has evaluated each industry in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 31-33, Manufacturing, and revised these employee-based size standards for certain industries in the sector. This is one of the rules that will examine industries grouped by an NAICS Sector.

SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this proposed rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245-AG50

**393. • Small Business Size Standards for Other Industries With Employee-Based Size Standards not Part of Manufacturing or Wholesale Trade**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* SBA is conducting a comprehensive review of all small business size standards to determine whether the existing size standards should be retained or revised. As part of this effort, SBA has evaluated each industry that has an employee-based standard but is not part of North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 31-33, Manufacturing, or Sector 42, Wholesale Trade, and revised size standards for some of those industries. This is one of the rules that will examine industries grouped by an NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this proposed rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245-AG51

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)**

Final Rule Stage

**394. Lender Oversight Program**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 634(5)(b)(6),(b)(7),(b)(14),(h) and note; 687(f), 697(e)(c)(8), and 650

*Abstract:* This rule implements the Small Business Administration's (SBA) statutory authority under the Small Business Reauthorization and Manufacturing Assistance Act of 2004 (Reauthorization Act) to regulate Small Business Lending Companies (SBLCs) and non-federally regulated lenders (NFRs). It also conforms SBA rules for the section 7(a) Business Loan Program and the Certified Development Company (CDC) Program.

In particular, this rule: (1) Defines SBLCs and NFRs; (2) clarifies SBA's authority to regulate SBLCs and NFRs; (3) authorizes SBA to set certain minimum capital standards for SBLCs, to issue cease and desist orders, and revoke or suspend lending authority of SBLCs and NFRs; (4) establishes the Bureau of Premier Certified Lender Program Oversight in the Office of Credit Risk Management; (5) transfers existing SBA enforcement authority over CDCs from the Office of Financial Assistance to the appropriate official in the Office of Capital Access; and (6) defines SBA's oversight and enforcement authorities relative to all SBA lenders participating in the 7(a) and CDC programs and intermediaries in the Microloan program.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/31/07	72 FR 61752
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	12/20/07	72 FR 72264
NPRM Comment Period End.	02/29/08	
Interim Final Rule	12/11/08	73 FR 75498
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End.	03/11/09	
Interim Final Rule Effective.	01/12/09	
Final Rule .....	06/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3245-AE14

**395. Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Policy Directive**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 100 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 3245-AF45

**396. Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Policy Directive**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 101 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 3245-AF84

**397. Acquisition Process: Task and Delivery Order Contracts, Bundling, Consolidation**

*Regulatory Plan:* This entry is Seq. No. 102 in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

*RIN:* 3245-AG20

**398. Small Business Jobs Act: Subcontract Integrity**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111-240, sec 1321 and 1322, 1334

*Abstract:* These regulations address subcontracting compliance and the interrelationship between contracting offices, small business offices, and program offices relating to oversight and review activities. The regulation also addresses the statutory requirement that a large business prime contractor must represent that it will make good faith efforts to award subcontracts to small businesses at the same percentage as indicated in the subcontracting plan submitted as part of its proposal for a contract and that if the percentage is not met, the large business prime contractor must provide a written justification and explanation to the contracting officer. Finally, the regulation also addresses the statutory requirement that a prime contractor must notify the contracting officer in writing if it has paid a reduced price to a subcontractor for goods and services or if the payment to the subcontractor is more than 90 days past due.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/05/11	76 FR 61626
NPRM Comment Period End.	12/05/11	
NPRM Comment Period Re-opened.	12/01/11	76 FR 74749
Second NPRM Comment Period End.	01/06/12	
Final Action .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3245-AG22

**399. Small Business Jobs Act: Small Business Size and Status Integrity**

*Legal Authority:* Pub. L. 111-240, sec 1341 and 1343

*Abstract:* These regulations address the intentional misrepresentations of small business status as a "presumption of loss against the Government." In addition, the rule addresses the statutory requirement that no business may continue to certify itself as small on the System for Award Management (SAM) without first providing an annual certification.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	10/07/11	76 FR 62313
NPRM Comment Period End.	11/07/11	
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	11/08/11	76 FR 69154
NPRM Extended Comment Period End.	12/08/11	
Final Action .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required:* Yes.

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*RIN:* 3245-AG23

**400. Small Business Size Standards for Utilities**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) proposes to revise the small business size standards for nine industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 22, Utilities. Six of those industries deal with electric power generation, distribution and transmission (NAICS 221111, NAICS 221112, NAICS 221113, NAICS 221119, NAICS 221121, and NAICS 221122) and have a common size standard based on electric output. For those six industries, SBA proposes to replace the current size standard of 4 million megawatt hours in electric output with an employee based size standard of 500 employees. SBA also proposes to increase the small

business size standards for three industries in NAICS Sector 22 that have receipt based size standards, namely—NAICS 221310, Water Supply and Irrigation Systems, from \$7 million to \$25.5 million; NAICS 221320, Sewage Treatment Facilities, from \$7 million to \$19 million; and NAICS 221330, Steam and Air-conditioning Supply, from \$12.5 million to \$14 million. As part of its ongoing initiative to review all size standards, SBA evaluated all industries in NAICS Sector 22 that have either electric output based or receipts based size standards to determine whether the existing size standards should be retained or revised. This rule is one of the rules that will examine industries grouped by NAICS sector. SBA has applied its “Size Standards Methodology,” which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this proposed rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/19/12	77 FR 42441
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/17/12	
Final Rule .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245–AG25

**401. Small Business Size Standards: Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)  
*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will increase the small business size standards for 17 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 71, Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation. As part of its ongoing comprehensive review of all size standards, SBA has evaluated all size standards in NAICS Sector 71 to determine whether the existing size standards should be retained or revised. This is one of the rules that will examine industries grouped by an NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its “Size Standards Methodology,” which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this proposed rule.

*Timetable:*

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM .....	07/18/12	77 FR 42211

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End.	09/17/12	
Final Action .....	03/00/13	

*Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.*

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*RIN:* 3245–AG36

**402. Small Business Size Standards: Construction**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)  
*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will increase small business size standards for one industry and one sub-industry in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 23, Construction. SBA will also increase the size standard for NAICS 237210, Land Subdivision, from \$7 million to \$25 million and the size standard for Dredging and Surface Cleanup Activities, a sub-industry category (or an “exception”) under NAICS 237990, Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction, from \$20 million to \$30 million in average annual receipts. As part of its ongoing comprehensive size standards review, SBA has evaluated all size standards in NAICS Sector 23 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. This is one of the rules that examines size standards of industries grouped by NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its “Size Standards Methodology,” which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this rule.

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**403. Small Business Size Standards: Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* This rule increases the small business size standards for 11 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 11, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting. As part of its ongoing comprehensive review of all small business size standards, SBA evaluated receipts based size standards for 16 industries and two sub-industries in NAICS Sector 11 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. SBA did not review size standards for 46 industries in NAICS Sector 11 that are currently set by statute at \$750,000 in average annual receipts. SBA also did not review the 500-employee based size standard for NAICS 113310, Logging, but will review it in the near future with other employee based size standards. In developing the revised size standards, SBA has applied its “Size Standards Methodology,” which is available on the Agency’s Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>.

*Timetable:*

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**404. Small Business Size Standards: Finance and Insurance; Management of Companies and Enterprises**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)  
*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is increasing the small business size standards for 37 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 52, Finance and Insurance, and for two industries in NAICS Sector 55, Management of Companies and Enterprises. In addition, SBA proposes to change the measure of size from average assets to average receipts for NAICS 522293, International Trade Financing. As part of its ongoing comprehensive size standards review, SBA evaluated all receipts based and assets based size standards in NAICS Sectors 52 and 55 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. In developing the revised standards, SBA relied on the methodology set forth in

its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available at [www.sba.gov/size](http://www.sba.gov/size).  
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#### 405. Small Business Size Regulations, Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a); Pub. L. 111-81, sec 5107

*Abstract:* SBA is amending its regulations as they relate to size and eligibility for the SBIR and STTR programs. The revised amendments implement provisions of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011. The amendments address ownership, control and affiliation for participants in these programs, including participants that are majority owned by multiple venture capital operating companies, private equity firms or hedge funds. The regulations also address whether the participant is owned by domestic or foreign business concerns.

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#### 406. Small Business Size Standards; Information

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) proposes to increase small business size standards for 15 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 51, Information. As part of its ongoing comprehensive review of all size standards, SBA evaluated all receipts-based size standards in NAICS Sector 51 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. This proposed rule is one of a series of proposals that examines size standards of industries grouped by NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this proposed rule.

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#### 407. Small Business Size Standards; Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is increasing small business size standards for 37 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 56, Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services. As part of its ongoing comprehensive review of all size standards, SBA evaluated all receipts-based standards in NAICS Sector 56 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. This rule is one of a series that examined size standards of industries grouped by NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this rule.

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#### 408. Small Business Size Standards: Real Estate, Rental and Leasing

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is increasing the small business size standards for 20 industries and one sub-industry in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 53, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing. As part of its ongoing comprehensive review of all size standards, SBA evaluated all size standards in NAICS Sector 53 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. This rule is one of a series of proposals that examined size standards of industries grouped by NAICS Sector. SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this rule.

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#### 409. Small Business Size Standards: Educational Services

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will increase small business size standards for nine industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 61, Educational Services. As part of its ongoing comprehensive size standards review, SBA evaluated all size standards in NAICS Sector 61 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. This rule is one of a series of rules that examines size standards of industries grouped by NAICS Sector. SBA applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this final rule.

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**410. Small Business Size Standards: Health Care and Social Assistance**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 632(a)

*Abstract:* The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will increase small business size standards for 28 industries in North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 62, Health Care and Social Assistance. As part of its ongoing comprehensive review of all size standards, SBA evaluated all size standards in NAICS Sector 62 to determine whether they should be retained or revised. SBA has applied its "Size Standards Methodology," which is available on its Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/size>, to this final rule.

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**411. Small Business Investment Companies—Early Stage SBICS**

*Legal Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 636(a)(32)

*Abstract:* To address a critical market need for early stage equity financing, SBA will license a limited number of Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs) each year that are focused on providing equity capital to seed and early stage small businesses. These SBICs would be designated as "Early Stage SBICs." SBA leverage is available to SBICs through a debenture instrument, the structure of which was not designed to address the needs or circumstances of early stage investors, and thus presents certain repayment risks for such investors. However, with certain regulatory changes, the risk

associated with providing debenture leverage to Early Stage SBICs may be significantly reduced. This rule will establish a number of regulatory provisions applicable to Early Stage SBICs for the purpose of managing overall program risk, including lower limits on maximum leverage eligibility and special distribution rules.

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