

## IODP-TAMU POLICY ON SBCD

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It is the policy of the Texas A&M Research Foundation, International Ocean Discovery Program branch office (TAMRF-IODP), that Small Business Concerns (Small Disadvantaged Businesses, HUBZone, Alaskan Native, Women-Owned, Veteran and Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses) as defined by the Federal Small Business Administration shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to provide goods and services to TAMRF for use by IODP.

We are dedicated to encouraging the participation of all Small Business Concerns in a manner that is consistent with effective and economic procurement activities. TAMRF's business practices, procurement policy, and staff involvement demonstrate TAMRF's commitment to encourage diversity among its vendors, and support this commitment by using known small business concerns in solicitations, when practicable. In addition, all IODP personnel that have procurement responsibility are accountable and responsible for seeking out new small business opportunities for future solicitations.

### BASIS

**2 CFR 200.321** Contracting with small and minority businesses, women business enterprises and labor surplus area firms

System for Award Management: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/#1#1>

Small Business Administration: <http://www.sba.gov/>

TAMU University Rule 25.06.01.M1. Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Program (<http://rules-saps.tamu.edu/PDFs/25.06.01.M1.pdf>)