



Glossary of DoW Small Business Bill of Rights Terms

APEX Accelerators: Formerly known as Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs), are a nationwide network of procurement professionals that help local businesses enter and participate in the government marketplace.

Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals (ASBCA): An independent administrative body that resolves post-award contract disputes between contractors and the Department of War.

Certificate of Competency (CoC): A certificate issued by the Small Business Administration (SBA) stating that the holder is responsible (with respect to all elements of responsibility, including, but not limited to, capability, competency, capacity, credit, integrity, perseverance, tenacity, and limitations on subcontracting) for the purpose of receiving and performing a specific Government contract.

Prompt Payment Act: A U.S. federal law that requires federal agencies to pay their contractors in a timely manner and to pay interest on late payments.

SBA Chief Counsel for Advocacy: An independent voice for small businesses within the federal government, this office reviews federal regulations and represents small business interests before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, and courts.

SBA National Ombudsman: An impartial liaison that reports small business regulatory fairness matters to the appropriate federal agency for review and works across government to address those concerns and reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses.

SBIR/STTR (Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer):

Are federal set-asides of Department Extramural Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation funds that invest in small businesses to develop, commercialize, and transition innovative technologies to the Warfighter.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA): The Act provides small businesses more influence over the development of regulations, additional assistance for complying with regulations, and additional avenues for addressing enforcement actions by federal agencies and provides protection against retaliation by the government against small businesses that choose to exercise their rights.

System for Award Management (sam.gov): The official U.S. government website that consolidates federal contractor information, allowing entities to register to do business with the government, receive a Unique Entity ID, search for federal contract and assistance opportunities, and check for exclusion records.

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