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SUBJECT: The Partnership Agreement Between The Small Business Administration and the NRC and Amendment No. 1

NRC's current partnership agreement with SBA (attached) is valid to September 30, 2006. Amendment No. 1 (also attached) was signed on June 2, 2005. The amendment eliminates the provision in Section IV regarding the General Services Administration (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule program. Federal agencies will no longer receive credit toward their 8(a) small business accomplishments when making GSA Multiple Award Schedule awards to 8(a)-certified firms.

In addition, the five (5) working days offering letter response time language has been dropped from the text of the SBA Partnership Agreement under Section IV, a.3(a) and a.3(b). However, SBA has confirmed that it is still operating as if the five working days requirement were still in the agreement. If an offer has been made for an 8(a) Program Participant and there is no response from SBA within the 5 working days, the offering agency may proceed with contract award to the 8(a) firm. However, every effort should be made to ensure the firm meets continuing eligibility criteria to receive such award.

Attachments: As stated

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