

Merging MBDA to SBA

Solutions Proposal

The owners, executives and managers of small federal contracting firms, who make up the solutions summit initiative, are also American taxpayers and have focused some of their attention on the way in which the small business community can contribute suggestions for alleviating federal government deficit and its cost cutting requirements.

The solution summit series participants, business persons with significant experience in working with the federal marketplace, are committed to provide the federal government with solutions to increase productivity and lower costs.

The solution summit series will be submitting a series of recommendations to address the following small business federal programs:

- Size standard policy reform
- Sub-contracting to small business federal programs
- Contract bundling
- Consolidation of small business federal programs

There have also been discussions about actions to lower the cost of the federal government, actions the Obama administration can take right now. The following are our recommendations:

1. A wide range of agencies, including the Department of Defense, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Small Business Administration, federal agencies, and state and local governments currently offer technical support services to small businesses in local communities. At minimum, those technical support services should be consolidated throughout the country.
2. The Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and the SBA also provide nearly identical small business technical support services. There is duplication by the original and district offices, and duplication by technical support services contractors. Therefore we recommend merging the MBDA into SBA. It is clear that racism and prejudice have not disappeared from this great nation, but it is also clear that significant progress has been made, which is why we call for a move of minorities toward greater success in the mainstream marketplace. Over a period of 10 to 20 years, a significant level of efficiency and productivity could occur through merging these programs while also achieving significant taxpayer savings.