

## 19.816 Exiting the 8(a) program.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, when a contractor exits the 8(a) program, it is no longer eligible to receive new 8(a) contracts. However, the contractor remains under contractual obligation to complete existing contracts, and any priced *options* that *may* be exercised.

(b) If an 8(a) contractor is suspended from the program (see 13 CFR 124.305), it *may* not receive any new 8(a) contracts unless the head of the *contracting* agency makes a determination that it is in the best interest of the Government to issue the award and SBA adopts that determination.

(c) A contractor that has completed its term of participation in the 8(a) program *may* be awarded a competitive 8(a) contract if it was an 8(a) participant eligible for award of the contract on the initial date specified for receipt of *offers* contained in the *solicitation*, and if the contractor continues to meet all other applicable eligibility criteria (see [13 CFR 124.507\(d\)](#)).

(d) SBA's regulations on exiting the 8(a) program are found at 13 CFR 124.301 through 124.305, and 13 CFR 124.507(d).

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