

(b) *Definitions.* (1) A "small business concern" is a concern, including its affiliates, which is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in the field of operation in which it is bidding on Government contracts, and can further qualify under the criteria set forth in regulations of the Small Business Administration (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 13, Section 121.3-8). In addition to meeting these criteria, a manufacturer or a regular dealer submitting bids or proposals in his own name must agree to furnish in the performance of the contract end items manufactured or produced in the United States, its possessions, or Puerto Rico, by small business concerns: *Provided*, That this additional requirement does not apply in connection with construction or service contracts.

(2) A "labor surplus area" is a geographical area which is:

- (i) an appropriate section of a State or "labor area" classified by the Secretary of Labor as a "section of concentrated unemployment or underemployment"; or
- (ii) classified by the Department of Labor as an "Area of Substantial Unemployment" (herein referred to as an area of substantial labor surplus) and listed as such by that Department in its publication "Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment"; or
- (iii) classified by the Department of Labor as "Area of Persistent Unemployment" (herein referred to as an area of persistent labor surplus) and listed as such by that Department in its publication "Area Trends in Employment and Unemployment"; or
- (iv) not classified as in (ii) or (iii) above, but which is individually certified as an area of persistent or substantial unemployment by the Department of Labor at the request of a prospective contractor.

(8) *Labor surplus area concern* includes certified-eligible concerns, persistent labor surplus area concerns, and substantial labor surplus area concerns, as defined below:

- (i) "Certified-eligible concern" means a concern (A) located in or near a section of concentrated unemployment or underemployment which has been certified by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with 29 CFR 8.7(b) with respect to the employment of disadvantaged persons residing within such sections, and (B) which will agree to perform, or cause to be performed by a certified concern, a substantial proportion of a contract in or near such sections; it includes a concern which, though not so certified, agrees to have a substantial proportion of a contract performed by certified concerns in or near such sections. A concern shall be deemed to perform a substantial proportion of a contract in or near sections of concentrated unemployment or underemployment if the costs that the concern will incur on account of manufacturing or production in or near such sections (by itself if a certified concern, or by certified concerns acting as first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 30 percent of the contract price.

- (ii) "Persistent labor surplus area concern" means a concern that agrees to perform, or cause to be performed, a substantial proportion of a contract in persistent labor surplus areas. A concern shall be deemed to perform a substantial proportion of a contract in persistent labor surplus areas if the costs that the concern will incur on account of manufacturing or production performed in such areas (by itself or its first-tier subcontractors) amount to more than 50 percent of the contract price.

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