

# Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP)

MPP helps small businesses (protégés) partner with more experienced businesses (mentors) to gain capacity and win government contracts.

For more information, visit [SBA Mentor-Protégé Program](#).

[MPP User Guide](#)

## Program Benefits

**Protégés can gain business development help from their mentors in areas such as:**

- Internal business management systems, accounting, marketing, manufacturing, and strategic planning
- Business development
- Financial assistance (*i.e., equity investments, loans, and bonding*)
- Procurement assistance
- General and administrative assistance
- Strategic planning, marketing, and international trade

## Requirements

**To qualify as a protégé, your business must:**

- Be small with industry experience. You can learn if your business qualifies as small by visiting the [SBA Size Standards tool](#)
- Be for-profit or a [small agricultural cooperative](#)
- Have a proposed mentor prior to applying for the program

**To qualify as a mentor, your business must:**

- Be for-profit or a [small agricultural cooperative](#)
- Be able to carry out its responsibilities to assist the protégé
- Possess good character
- Not appear on the federal list of suspended or debarred contractors
- Be willing and able to impart business knowledge and guidance to the protégé

## Prepare

**Before you apply:**

- Make sure both businesses are registered at SAM.gov
- Decide whether you are applying for an Mentor-Protégé Agreement (MPA) using your primary or secondary NAICS Code
- Both businesses must complete [SBA's online tutorial](#) (*Save your completion certificates*)
- Execute a [Mentor-Protégé Agreement](#) and an [MPA Addendum](#)

**Prepare the follow documents:**

- Completed [Mentor-Protégé Agreement](#) signed by both the protégé and mentor
- Protege's MPP training module certificate of completion
- Mentor's MPP training module certificate of completion
- Copies of active SBA and other-agency Mentor-Protege Agreements (*if applicable*)
- Copy of any SBA size redetermination letter (*if applicable*)

Proof of experience when applying using a secondary NAICS Code. Examples of proof include copies of contracts and paid invoices.