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519.7011 Application review.

(a) The Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will review the information specified in section 519.7009(b) and 519.7010 to establish the Mentor’s and Protégé’s eligibility and to ensure all necessary information is included. If the application relates to a specific contract, then the Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will consult with the applicable contracting officer regarding the adequacy of the proposed Agreement, as appropriate. The Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will complete its review no later than 30 days after receipt of the application. The contracting officer must provide feedback to the Program Manager no later than 10 days after receipt of the application.

(b) After the Mentor-Protégé Program Manager completes its review and provides written approval, the Mentor may execute the Agreement and implement the developmental assistance as provided under the Agreement. The Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will provide a copy of the Mentor-Protégé Agreement to the GSA contracting officer for any GSA contracts affected by the Agreement.

(c) The Agreement defines the relationship between the Mentor and the Protégé firms only. The Agreement itself does not create any privity of contract or contractual relationship between the Mentor and GSA nor the Protégé and GSA.

(d) If the Agreement is disapproved, the Mentor may provide additional information for reconsideration. The Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will complete the review of any supplemental information no later than 30 days after its receipt. Upon finding deficiencies that GSA considers correctable, the Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will notify the Mentor and Protégé and request correction of the deficiencies to be provided within 15 days.

519.7012 Developmental assistance.

The forms of developmental assistance a mentor can provide to a protégé include:

(a) Management guidance relating to—
   (1) Financial management;
   (2) Organizational management;
   (3) Overall business management/planning; and
   (4) Business development.

(b) Engineering and other technical assistance.

(c) Loans.

(d) Rent-free use of facilities and/or equipment.

(e) Temporary assignment of personnel to the protégé for purpose of training.

(f) Any other types of developmental assistance approved by the GSA Mentor-Protégé Program Manager.

519.7013 Obligation.

(a) The mentor or protégé may terminate the Agreement in accordance with 519.7010. The mentor will notify the Mentor-Protégé Program Manager and the contracting officer, in writing, at least 30 days in advance of the mentor firm’s intent to voluntarily withdraw from the Program or to terminate the Agreement, or upon receipt of a protégé’s notice to withdraw from the Program.

(b) Mentor and protégé firms will submit a “Lessons Learned” evaluation to the GSA Mentor-Protégé Program Manager at the conclusion or termination of each Mentor-Protégé Agreement or withdrawal from the Mentor-Protégé program.

519.7014 Internal controls.

(a) The GSA Mentor-Protégé Program Manager will manage the Program. Internal controls will be established by the Mentor-Protégé Program Manager to achieve the stated Program objectives (by serving as checks and balances against undesired actions or consequences) such as:

   (1) Reviewing and evaluating mentor Applications for realism, validity and accuracy of provided information;
   (2) Monitoring each Mentor-Protégé Agreement by reviewing semi-annual progress reports submitted by mentors and protégés on protégé development