219.505 Rejecting Small Business Administration recommendations.
(b) The designee shall be at a level no lower than chief of the contracting office.

Subpart 219.6—Certificates of Competency and Determinations of Responsibility

219.602 Procedures.
When making a nonresponsibility determination for a small business concern, follow the procedures at PGI 219.602.

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Subpart 219.7—The Small Business Subcontracting Program

219.702 Statutory requirements.
(1) Section 834 of Public Law 101–189, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637 note), requires DoD to establish a test program to determine whether comprehensive subcontracting plans on a corporate, division, or plant-wide basis will reduce administrative burdens while enhancing subcontracting opportunities for small and small disadvantaged business concerns. See PGI 219.702 for the requirements of the test program.
(2) Comprehensive subcontracting plans shall not be subject to application of liquidated damages during the period of the test program (Section 402, Pub. L. 101–574).

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219.703 Eligibility requirements for participating in the program.
(a) Qualified nonprofit agencies for the blind and other severely disabled, that have been approved by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled approved by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, are eligible to participate in the program as a result of 10 U.S.C. 2410d and section 9077 of Pub. L. 102–396 and similar sections in subsequent Defense appropriations acts. Under this authority, subcontractors awarded to such entities may be counted toward the prime contractor’s small business subcontracting goal.

(2)(A) To be eligible as an SDB subcontractor, a concern must meet the definition in 219.001.
(B) To be eligible as a historically black college or university or minority institution subcontractor, such entity must meet the definition in the clause at 252.219–7003, Small Business Subcontracting Plan (DoD Contracts).
(b) A contractor may also rely on the written representation as to status of—
(1) A historically black college or university or minority institution; or
(2) A qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or other severely disabled approved by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.


219.704 Subcontracting plan requirements.
(1) The goal for use of small disadvantaged business concerns shall include subcontractors with historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions (see Subpart 226.70), in addition to subcontractors with small disadvantaged business concerns. Subcontracts with historically black colleges and universities and minority institutions do not have to be included in the small disadvantaged business goal in commercial items subcontracting plans.
(2) In those subcontracting plans which specifically identify small businesses, prime contractors shall notify the administrative contracting officer of any substitutions of firms that are not small business firms, for the small business firms specifically identified in the subcontracting plan. Notifications shall be in writing and shall occur within a reasonable period of time after award of the subcontract. Contractor-specified formats shall be acceptable.
(3) See 215.304 for evaluation of offers in acquisitions that require a subcontracting plan.

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