

## 8(a) Certification Checklist

To be eligible for 8(a) certification, you must:

- Not have previously participated in the 8(a) business development program.
- Be a small business.
- Be owned by a U.S. citizen whose personal net worth is \$250,000 or less.
- Be at least 51% owned and operated by U.S. citizens who are economically and socially disadvantaged.
- Be owned by a U.S. citizen with \$4 million or less in assets.
- Have the company owner manage the day-to-day operations of the firm, and make long-term decisions.
- Show potential for success.
- Be able to perform successfully on government and business contracts.
- Have all managers and employees demonstrate good character.