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Authority: 5 U.S.C. 301; 40 U.S.C. 121(c)(2).

### **Subpart 319.2—Policies**

#### **319.201 General policy.**

(d) The functional management responsibilities for the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) small business program are delegated to the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) Director.

(e)(1) The HHS OSDBU Director shall exercise full management authority over the small business program. The small business specialist (SBS) shall review and make recommendations for all acquisitions, unless exempted by statute, that are not being set aside for small business in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [19.502](#). The review must take place prior to issuing the solicitation.

(2) Within the Indian Health Service (IHS), the primary SBSs are responsible for IHS' overall implementation of the HHS small business program; however, each IHS contracting office will assign a small business technical advisor (SBTA) to perform those functions and responsibilities necessary to implement the small business program. The primary IHS SBS shall assist and provide guidance to respective SBTAs.

#### **319.270-1 Mentor Protégé Program Solicitation provision and contract clause.**

(a) The contacting officer shall insert the provision at [352.219-70](#), Mentor-Protégé Program, in solicitations that include the clause at [FAR 52.219-9](#), Small Business Subcontracting Plan. The provision requires offerors to provide the contracting officer a copy of their HHS Office of OSDBU-approved mentor-protégé agreement in response to a solicitation.

(b) The contacting officer shall insert the clause at [352.219-71](#), Mentor-Protégé Program Reporting Requirements, in contracts that include the clause at [FAR 52.219-9](#), Small Business Subcontracting Plan, and which are awarded to a contractor with an HHS OSDBU-approved mentor-protégé agreement.