



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

DATE: May 30, 2024

TO: WOSB and EDWOSB Program Participants

FROM: Jackie Robinson-Burnette
Associate Administrator
Office of Government Contracting and Business Development

SUBJECT: Extension of WOSB Program Examination or Recertification Date for WOSB and EDWOSB Firms With Program Examination or Recertification Dates Falling on June 1, 2024 Through May 31, 2025

On March 7, 2024, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) published an Interim Final Rule which specifically recognized that the SBA Administrator may extend the date of Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) and/or Economic Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business (EDWOSB) certification where appropriate.

The Interim Final Rule added a new § 127.400(c), which states “The SBA Administrator or designee may postpone the program examination and recertification process in appropriate, extraordinary circumstances.”

On April 24, 2024, the SBA Administrator signed a Delegation of Authority, delegating this authority to me, in my capacity as the Associate Administrator of the Office of Government Contracting and Business Development (GCBD), allowing the postponement of the WOSB program examination requirement for up to one year, in light of appropriate, extraordinary circumstances.

In accordance with the Interim Final Rule and delegation from the SBA Administrator, I hereby grant a one-year extension to the eligibility period of firms whose recertification date falls on June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, in accordance with 13 C.F.R. § 127.400(c).

Effective as of the date below, WOSB and EDWOSB program participants with a three-year program examination or recertification date of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, will be postponed for one year, before recertification to the WOSB Program is required. Firms deemed certified by SBA and granted an eligibility

extension by this authority must continue to meet the WOSB or EDWOSB requirements at all times while certified and may be subject to a program examination or a WOSB or EDWOSB status protest.

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Effective Date: June 1, 2024