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(b) *Minority* means any Black/African-American; Native American (American Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts and Native Hawaiians); Hispanic American; Asian-Pacific American; or Sub-continent-Asian American.

(c) *Small and large businesses and entities owned by individuals with disabilities* means firms at least fifty-one (51) percent owned by individuals with disabilities who are citizens of the United States. In the case of publicly-owned companies, at least fifty-one (51) percent of each class of voting stock must be owned by individuals with disabilities who are citizens of the United States. In the case of partnerships, at least fifty-one (51) percent of the partnership interest must be owned by individuals with disabilities who are citizens of the United States. Additionally, the management and daily business operations must be controlled by one or more such individuals.

(d) *Disability*, as used in this part, has the same meaning as the term used in section 3 of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327 (42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*).

§517.3 Policy.

It is the policy of the OTS that minorities, women and individuals with disabilities and entities owned by minorities, women and individuals with disabilities are given the opportunity to participate to the maximum extent possible in all contracts entered into by the OTS.

§517.4 Oversight and monitoring.

The Director of OTS shall appoint an Outreach Program Advocate, who shall have primary responsibility for furthering the purposes of the Outreach Program.

§517.5 Outreach.

(a) The outreach program advocate shall perform outreach activities and act as liaison between the OTS and the public on outreach program issues.

(b) Outreach activities include the identification and registration of minority-, women-owned (small and large) businesses and entities owned by individuals with disabilities who can provide goods and services utilized by the OTS. This includes distributing in-

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formation concerning the Outreach Program and providing appropriate registration materials for use by vendors and contractors. Identification will primarily be accomplished by:

(1) Obtaining various lists and directories maintained by other federal, state and local governmental agencies of Outreach Program businesses;

(2) Participating in conventions, seminars and professional meetings oriented towards Outreach Programs;

(3) Conducting seminars, meetings, workshops and various other functions; and

(4) Monitoring proposed purchases and contracts to assure that OTS contracting staff understand and actively promote the Outreach Program.

§517.6 Certification.

In order to qualify as an Outreach Program participant, each business or contractor must either:

(a) Self-certify ownership status by filing with the OTS Outreach Program Advocate a completed and signed Solicitation Mailing List Application, Standard Form 129 (SF-129), as prescribed by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (48 CFR part 53);

(b) Self-certify ownership status by filing with the OTS Outreach Program Advocate a completed and signed ABELS Registration/Certification Form, as prescribed by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency and available from the Outreach Program Advocate at the headquarters address of the OTS listed in §516.40(b) of this chapter.

(c) Submit a valid Outreach Program certification received from a Federal agency, or a designated state or authorized local agency.

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§517.7 Contract award guidelines.

Contracts for goods or services shall be awarded in accordance with OTS procurement rules and policies (48 CFR chapter 1 and FIRMR, 41 CFR chapter 201). The OTS Outreach Program Advocate shall work to facilitate the maximum participation of minority-,