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Mentor Protégé Program (MPP) Assessment Study

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DoD Mentor Protégé Program

- DoD's Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) established in Nov 1990
- Law responded to concerns, raised by DoD prime contractors, that many Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB) did not possess the technical capabilities to perform DoD subcontract requirements, making it difficult for these prime contractors to achieve their SDB subcontracting goals
- DoD MPP designed to assist SDBs in obtaining and performing DOD subcontracts and serving as suppliers on DOD contracts.
- Mentors may:
 1. Make advance or progress payments to their protégés that DOD reimburses;
 2. Award subcontracts to their protégés on a noncompetitive basis when they would not otherwise be able to do so;
 3. Lend money to or make investments in protégé firms; or
 4. Provide or arrange for other assistance.

DBB Assessment of the DoD Mentor-Protégé Program

- Required by Section 872(d) of FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)
- Secretary of Defense directed DBB to submit assessment to Congressional Defense Committees NLT March 31, 2022
- Assessment should evaluate the effectiveness of the Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) established under § 831 of the FY91 NDAA (Public Law 101–510; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note)
- Report should include recommendations for improving the program in terms of:
 - Performance metrics, forms of assistance, and overall program effectiveness
- Assessment Task Group led by Mr. Scott Dorn with VADM Dave Venlet, USN (Ret), and LtCol Chris Burnham, USMCR (Ret)



DoD Mentor Protégé Program Facts

- DoD MPP is agency-specific. It does not require Small Business Administration (SBA) approval nor is it covered by Small Business Act
- DoD MPP is the only mentor-protégé program mandated by law and receiving appropriated funding: \$30M in FY21
- As of FY19, DoD had 62 active MPP firms with participation from USAF, USA, USN, DCMA, DIA, MDA, NSA, and SOCOM
- Current Status:
 - Congress reauthorized the DoD MPP in the FY20 NDAA
 - Direct reimbursement of costs/credit towards goals approved through FY26

MPP Assessment Timeline

2020	
Aug	DBB TG meet with CMO and USD(A&S)
Aug	SD/DSD signature on support Memo/Terms of Reference
Sep	Conduct interviews with non-DoD MPP Offices (i.e. SBA, NASA, etc.)
Oct-Nov	Conduct targeted interviews for single Service or DoD Agency
Nov-Dec	Conduct interviews with commercial companies on their programs analogous to DoD MPP
2021	
Jan-Feb	Conduct DoD MPP office interviews
Mar-Apr	Conduct Mentor interviews
May-Jun	Conduct Protégé interviews
Jul	Conduct any remaining/missing interviews
Aug	TG Initial Synthesis Meeting
Aug	TG formulates draft recommendations, completes briefing slides, and finalizes paper
Sep	Initial Red Team reviews TG's work
Sep	TG revises findings and recommendations based on Red Team review
Oct	Final Red Team review
Oct	Finalize Study Findings and Recommendations
Nov	Present study at DBB meeting
Nov	Incorporate DBB's input and relevant public comments into final report
Dec	Conduct outbriefs to DoD Executive Leaders
Dec	Out brief CMO and USD(A&S)
2022	
Feb	Provide Final Report to SD and DSD
Mar	MPP Assessment Report provided to Congressional Defense Committees

Mentor and Protégé Participants (1 of 3)

Size	Agency	Mentor	Protégé
L	Air Force	IBM	Redhorse
L	Air Force	IBM	Cathexis (formerly CPS Professional Services)
L	Air Force	IBM	Steel Point Solutions
L	Air Force	Lockheed Martin	Marvin Engineering
L	Air Force	Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems	Technical Directions, Inc. (TDI)
L	Air Force	Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems	Custom Microwave, Inc. (CMI)
L	Air Force	Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems	XACTIV, Inc.
L	Air Force	Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems	Cyber Security Education Workshops
L	Air Force	Northrop Grumman Mission Systems	S&K Electronics
L	Air Force	Raytheon IIS	Infinity Technology Services, LLC
S	Air Force	Edpative Computing	Tyrula, LLC
S	Air Force	Harris Corporation	Barnett Engineering
S	Air Force	Montana State University	Conductive Composites
S	Air Force	Montana State University	RevMedX
S	Air Force	Tec-Masters	Linc Research, Inc.
L	Army	BAE	Indatatech
L	Army	(L3 National Security Solutions) now CACI	Athena Technology Group, Inc.
L	Army	(Lockheed Martin Information Solutions) now Leidos	TIME Systems
L	Army	Raytheon	IERUS
L	Army	Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems	Aero Electronics, Inc

Mentor and Protégé Participants (2 of 3)

Size	Agency	Mentor	Protégé
L	Army	SAIC	IP Network Solutions
L	Army	SAIC	IronArch
S	Army	Advanced Systems Design (ASD)	Starks Industries
S	Army	AGEISS	EGC
S	Army	ASM	SRL
S	Army	Jacobs Engineering	Trinity
S	Army	Systems Studies and Simulation (S3)	R2C Support Services
S	Army	Tec-Masters	GeneCapture
L	DIA	General Dynamics Information Technology	Bluehawk
L	DIA	Mantech International Corporation	Assured Consulting Solutions (ACS)
S	DIA	Allegheny Science & Technology	Targeted Approach, LLC
S	DIA	Cyberspace Solutions	Preting LLC
S	DIA	Global Resource Solutions (GRS)	Advanced Decision Vectors, LLC (ADV)
S	DIA	Global Resource Solutions (GRS)	Reveal Global Consulting (REVEAL)
S	DIA	Global Resource Solutions (GRS)	NetSecurity Corporation
S	DIA	Invictus International Consulting, LLC	Blue Sky Innovative Solutions, LLC
S	DIA	Parsons Government Services, Inc.	Willbrook Solutions, Inc.

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Size	Agency	Mentor	Protégé
L	MDA	Lockheed	Archarithms
L	MDA	Raytheon Missile Systems	Kord
S	MDA	All Points	Mission Multiplier Consulting
S	MDA	Parsons Government Services, Inc.	BWM Outcomes, LLC (BWM)
S	MDA	Parsons Government Solutions	Mobius Consulting, LLC
S	MDA	Parsons Government Solutions	MB Solutions
S	MDA	Parsons Government Solutions	Trident Technologies
S	MDA	Parsons Government Solutions	Basic Engineering Concepts & Technologies, Inc. (BecTech)
S	MDA	Tec-Masters	ITSC Secure Solutions, LLC (formerly BMK Solution)
S	MDA	Tec-Masters	People Technology Processes
S	MDA	Tec-Masters	Code Plus
S	MDA	Tec-Masters	Beshenich Muir & Associates (BMA)
L	Navy	CACI	CDIT, LLC
L	Navy	Raytheon MS	Phoenix Products, Inc.
L	Navy	Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems (SAS)	EI Manufacturing Inc. (EI)
S	Navy	Corps Solutions, LLC	Green Cell Consulting, LLC
L	NGA	BAH	Masego
L	NGA	IBM	Rigil
L	NGA	Mantech International Corporation	Skyris

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