

# Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP)

MPP helps small businesses (protégés) partner with more experienced businesses (mentors) to gain capacity and win government contracts.

For more information, visit [SBA Mentor-Protégé Program](#).

[MPP User Guide](#)

## Program Benefits

**Protégés can gain business development help from their mentors in areas such as:**

- ☐ Internal business management systems, accounting, marketing, manufacturing, and strategic planning
- ☐ Business development
- ☐ Financial assistance (*i.e., equity investments, loans, and bonding*)
- ☐ Procurement assistance
- ☐ General and administrative assistance
- ☐ Strategic planning, marketing, and international trade

## Requirements

**To qualify as a protégé, your business must:**

- ☐ Be small with industry experience. You can learn if your business qualifies as small by visiting the [SBA Size Standards tool](#)
- ☐ Be for-profit or a [small agricultural cooperative](#)
- ☐ Have a proposed mentor prior to applying for the program

**To qualify as a mentor, your business must:**

- ☐ Be for-profit or a [small agricultural cooperative](#)
- ☐ Be able to carry out its responsibilities to assist the protégé
- ☐ Possess good character
- ☐ Not appear on the federal list of suspended or debarred contractors
- ☐ Be willing and able to impart business knowledge and guidance to the protégé

## Prepare

**Before you apply:**

- ☐ Make sure both businesses are registered at SAM.gov
- ☐ Decide whether you are applying for an Mentor-Protégé Agreement (MPA) using your primary or secondary NAICS Code
- ☐ Both businesses must complete [SBA's online tutorial](#) (*Save your completion certificates*)
- ☐ Execute a Mentor-Protégé Agreement

**Prepare the follow documents:**

- ☐ Completed Mentor-Protégé Agreement signed by both the protégé and mentor
- ☐ Protege's MPP training module certificate of completion
- ☐ Mentor's MPP training module certificate of completion
- ☐ Copies of active SBA and other-agency Mentor-Protege Agreements (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Copy of any SBA size redetermination letter (*if applicable*)

☐ Proof of experience when applying using a secondary NAICS Code. Examples of proof include copies of contracts and paid invoices.