

## PiliroMazza Weekly Update for Government Contractors and Commercial Businesses

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### **SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS & ADVISORY SERVICES**

#### **PiliroMazza Submits Comments in Response to RIN 3245-AG75, Proposed Rule on Women-Owned Small Business and Economically Disadvantage Women-Owned Small Business Certification**

Authors, [Pamela Mazza](#), [Megan Connor](#), [Katie Flood](#), [Meghan Leemon](#), [Patrick Burns](#), [Francis Massaro](#), July 15, 2019 [\[Read More\]](#) Please also see PiliroMazza's May 15, 2019 blog "[SBA Proposes to Implement Certification Requirement for WOSB/EDWOSBs and Revise Economic Disadvantage Criteria for 8\(a\) Eligibility.](#)"

**Defense Information Systems Agency** – According to Law360, DISA, under a \$.7.5 billion IT contract, made awards to 23 small businesses. The \$.7.5 billion systems engineering and technology contract is intended to help DoD improve its information technology capabilities.

**Small Business Administration** – The SBA [announced](#) that non-profit organizations, state and local agencies, and institutions of higher learning are eligible to compete for funding of up to \$150,000 to deliver entrepreneurship training to service-disabled veterans. Up to six awardees will use the \$300,000 in total funding to participate in the Service-Disable Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program with grants from SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development. These funds will be used to cover the costs of educating service-disabled veterans planning to start a new business or expand and diversify existing small businesses. The submission deadline is Wednesday, July 24 at 11:59 PM EDT.

**WEBINAR: Everything You Need to Know about SBA's Manufacturer and Non-Manufacturer Rules**, July 17, 2019, Speakers, [Jonathan Williams](#) and [Timothy Valley](#). [\[Read More\]](#)

**EVENT: Bid Protest Round-Up**, September 4-5, 2019, Speaker, [Jonathan Williams](#). [\[Read More\]](#)

**EVENT: Forming CTAs on GSA Schedules**, September 4-5, 2019, Speaker, [Katie Flood](#). [\[Read More\]](#)

### **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS LAW**

**Department of Defense, General Services Administration, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration** – The DoD, GSA, and NASA issued a proposed rule updating and clarifying requirements for using the DD Form 254, Contract Security Classification Specification. [84 Fed. Reg. 134, 33201](#).

**Department of Defense** – According to Government Executive, a large corporate supplier for the Pentagon, TransDigm, is being investigated by the DoD’s Office of the Inspector General. Specifically, the OIG is investigating 113 of TransDigm’s DoD contracts from January 2015 to 2017 and whether the company overcharged the U.S. Government by \$16.1 million. [\[Read More\]](#)

**Congressional Research Service** – The CRS released a [report](#) on the SBA’s HUBZone Program. The report examines arguments both for and against targeting assistance to geographic areas with specified characteristics as opposed to providing assistance to people or businesses with specified characteristics and assesses the arguments both for and against the continuation of the HUBZone program.

### **CLAIMS AND APPEALS**

**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit** – According to Law360, the Federal Circuit confirmed a \$44 million award to a unit of Kellogg Brown & Root Services Inc., finding that the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals correctly asserted its jurisdiction over KBR’s affirmative defense.

### **LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**

**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission** – According to Bloomberg Government, members of the House of Representatives asked the EEOC to submit a report to the House Appropriates Committee documenting and formal or informal quotas the EEOC has used for handling bias charges. The House’s request came after a union complained that the EEOC pressures its employees to quickly process cases without thoroughly examining certain claims.

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