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costs would accrue from credit for the multiples attributed to assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and minority institutions.

(d) The features identified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this section point out the portability of features from the DOD Mentor-Protégé Program to NASA prime contractors. NASA mentors will be held to show "good faith" by providing actual developmental assistance beyond transferring credit from activity in the DOD Program to NASA subcontracting plans.

1819.7205 General policy.

(a) Eligible large business prime contractors, not included on the "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs", who have at least one active subcontracting plan, and who are approved as mentor firms may enter into agreements with eligible entities (as defined in 1819.7209) as protégés to provide appropriate developmental assistance to enhance the capabilities of protégés to perform as subcontractors and suppliers. Eligible small business prime contractors, not included on the "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs", and that are capable of providing developmental assistance to protégés, may also be approved as mentors. An active mentor-protégé arrangement requires the protégé to be a subcontractor under the mentor's prime contract with NASA.

(b) The Mentor-Protégé program may be used in cost reimbursement type contracts and contracts that include an award fee incentive. Costs incurred by a mentor to provide the developmental assistance described in 1819.7214 are allowable. Except for cost-plus-award-fee contracts, such proposed costs shall not be included in the cost base used to develop a fee objective or to negotiate fee. On contracts with an award fee incentive, a contractor's Mentor-Protégé efforts shall be evaluated under the award fee evaluations.

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1819.7206 Incentives for prime contractor participation.

(a) Proposed mentor-protégé efforts, except for the extent of participation of protégés as subcontractors, shall be evaluated under the Mission Suitability factor. The participation of SDB protégés as subcontractors shall be evaluated separately as a Mission Suitability subfactor (see FAR 15.304(c)(4) and 19.1202). The participation of other categories of protégés as subcontractors may be evaluated separately as part of the evaluation of proposed subcontracted efforts.

(b) Under contracts with award fee incentives, approved mentor firms shall be eligible to earn award fee associated with their performance as a mentor by performance evaluation period. For purposes of earning award fee, the mentor firm's performance shall be evaluated against the criteria described in the clause at 1852.219-79, Mentor Requirements and Evaluation. This award fee evaluation shall not include assessment of the contractor's achievement of FAR 52.219-9 subcontracting plan SDB goals or proposed monetary targets for SDB subcontracting (see FAR 19.1203).

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1819.7207 Measurement of Program success.

The overall success of the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program encompassing all participating mentors and protégés will be measured by the extent to which it results in:

(a) An increase in the number, dollar value and percentage of subcontractors awarded to protégés by mentor firms under NASA contracts since the date of entry into the Program;

(b) An increase in the number and dollar value of contract and subcontract awards to protégé firms since the time of their entry into the Program (under NASA contracts, contracts awarded by other Federal agencies and under commercial contracts);

(c) An increase in the number and dollar value of subcontracts awarded to a protégé firm by its mentor firm; and

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(d) An increase in subcontracting with protégé firms in industry categories where they have not traditionally participating within the mentor firm's activity.

1819.7208 Mentor firms.

(a) Eligibility:

(1) Contractors eligible for receipt of government contracts;

(2) Large prime contractors performing under contracts with at least one negotiated subcontracting plan as required by FAR 19.7; and

(3) Small business prime contractors that can provide developmental assistance to enhance the capabilities of protégés to perform as subcontractors and suppliers.

(b) Mentors will be encouraged to identify and select as protégés:

(1) A broad base of firms including those defined as emerging firms (e.g., a protégé whose size is no greater than 50 percent of the size standard applicable to the NAICS code assigned to a contracting opportunity);

(2) Firms in addition to those with whom they have established business relationships; and

(3) High-tech firms.

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1819.7209 Protégé firms.

(a) For selection as a protégé, a firm must be:

(1) An SDB in the NAICS Major Groups as determined by the Department of Commerce (see FAR 19.201(b)), HBCU, MI, or WOSB;

(2) Certified as small in the NAICS code for the services or suppliers to be provided by the protégé under its subcontract to the mentor; and

(3) Eligible for receipt of government contracts.

(b) Except for SDBs, a protégé firm may self-certify to a mentor firm that it meets the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this section. Mentors may rely in good faith on written representations by potential protégés that they meet the specified eligibility requirements. SDB status eligibility and documentation requirements are determined according to FAR 19.304.

(c) Protégés may have multiple mentors. Protégés participating in mentor-

protégé programs in addition to the NASA Program should maintain a system for preparing separate reports of mentoring activity for each agency's program.

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1819.7210 Selection of protégé firms.

(a) Mentor firms will be solely responsible for selecting protégé firms. The mentor is encouraged to identify and select the types of protégé firms listed in 1819.7208(b).

(b) Mentor firms may have more than one protégé.

(c) The selection of protégé firms by mentor firms may not be protested, except for a protest regarding the size or eligibility status of an entity selected by a mentor to be a protégé. Such protests shall be handled in accordance with FAR 19.703(b). The contracting officer shall notify the Headquarters Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) (Code K) of the protest.

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1819.7211 Application process for mentor firms to participate in the Program.

(a) Prime contractors interested in becoming a mentor firm must submit a request to the NASA OSDBU to be approved under the Program. The application will be evaluated on the extent to which the company plans to provide developmental assistance. The information required in paragraph (b) of this section must be submitted to be considered for approval as a mentor firm.

(b) A proposed mentor must submit the following information to the NASA OSDBU:

(1) A statement that the mentor firm is currently performing under at least one active approved subcontracting plan (small business exempted) and that they are eligible, as of the date of application, for the award of Federal contracts;

(2) The cognizant NASA contract number(s), type of contract, period of performance (including options), title of technical program effort, name of