

# How to do business with the CFPB? Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

CFPB Office of Minority and Women Inclusion

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## Do you have information available on upcoming requirement opportunities?

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- Currently we register vendors via our semiannual event registration portal. Pending approval, the Bureau is working on an online registration tool.
- Please check back here for updated information or contact [OMWI\\_SupplierDiversity@cfpb.gov](mailto:OMWI_SupplierDiversity@cfpb.gov).

# How do I register as an interested vendor with the CFPB (Bureau)?

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- Upcoming procurement opportunities are published on [ConsumerFinance.gov](https://www.consumerfinance.gov). You can find general information about
  - Requirements
  - NAICS codes
  - acquisition history
  - the anticipated solicitation date
  - the known acquisition strategy

# What is the difference between minority- and women-owned businesses (MWOB) and Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19 - Small Business inclusion?

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- MWOB inclusion is mandated to the maximum extent possible under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act, and FAR 19 Small Business inclusion is a FAR requirement.
  - As you would expect, some small businesses are also MWOBs, and vice versa.
- The Bureau has a goal to increase MWOB participation each year in addition to our small business participation goals.

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# What are the most common Bureau contracts?

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- The Bureau historically has many professional service requirements, particularly for consulting and information technology (IT) needs. The Bureau has procured various types of IT software, licenses, hardware, and services, as you might expect from any federal agency.

# What are your real-time small business scorecard numbers?

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- CFPB does not publish its small business data in real time.
- FPDS post information annually, [FPDS Small Business Goaling Reports](#).

# What is the “rule of two” and how does it apply to Bureau procurements?

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- The “rule of two” states that each acquisition of supplies or services that has an anticipated dollar value above the micro-purchase threshold (currently \$10,000), but not over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$250,000), will be set aside for small business, unless the contracting officer determines there is not a reasonable expectation of obtaining offers from two or more responsible small business concerns that are competitive in terms of fair market prices, quality, and delivery.

## Has the Bureau made direct awards through the 8(a) programs?

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- Yes, although the Bureau always seeks to compete its requirements when possible.

# Has the Bureau made direct awards through the Women Owned Small Business (WOSB) program?

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- No, but the Bureau has competed requirements that were set aside exclusively for WOSBs.

## How do I schedule a capability briefing with a Bureau program office representative?

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- Please reach out to [OMWI\\_SupplierDiversity@cfpb.gov](mailto:OMWI_SupplierDiversity@cfpb.gov) with your request.
- Please note that Bureau staff is not always able to accommodate requests.

## How do I receive notification to participate in CFPB non-advertised [FBO.gov/beta.sam.gov](https://www.fbo.gov/beta.sam.gov) opportunities?

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- Make sure to set up a [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) notification to be alerted for any or all solicitations posted by the Bureau.

## What expedited procurement platform does the Bureau use?

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- The Bureau uses GSA Schedules, NASA SEWP, and NIH's CIO-SP3 governmentwide contracts most frequently.

# What are the onboarding requirements for vendors?

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- Onboarding requirements vary based on the service provided. In general, a background investigation is required.