Small Business Programs Decoded

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Developed in conjunction with Donald Mansfield, Defense Acquisition University. These small business decision charts were created to help contracting officers navigate the new small business rules contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). The charts are based on the interim rule on socioeconomic parity (implemented at FAR 19.203).

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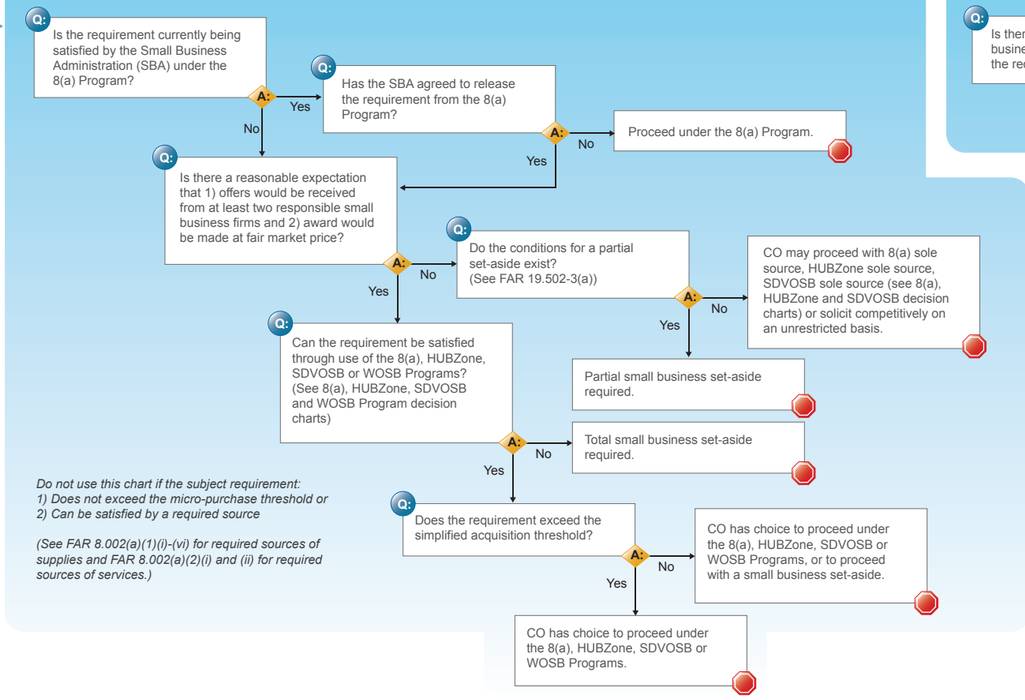

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1) Does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold or
2) Can be satisfied by a required source

(See FAR 8.002(a)(1)(i)-(vi) for required sources of supplies and FAR 8.002(a)(2)(i) and (ii) for required sources of services.)

Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program

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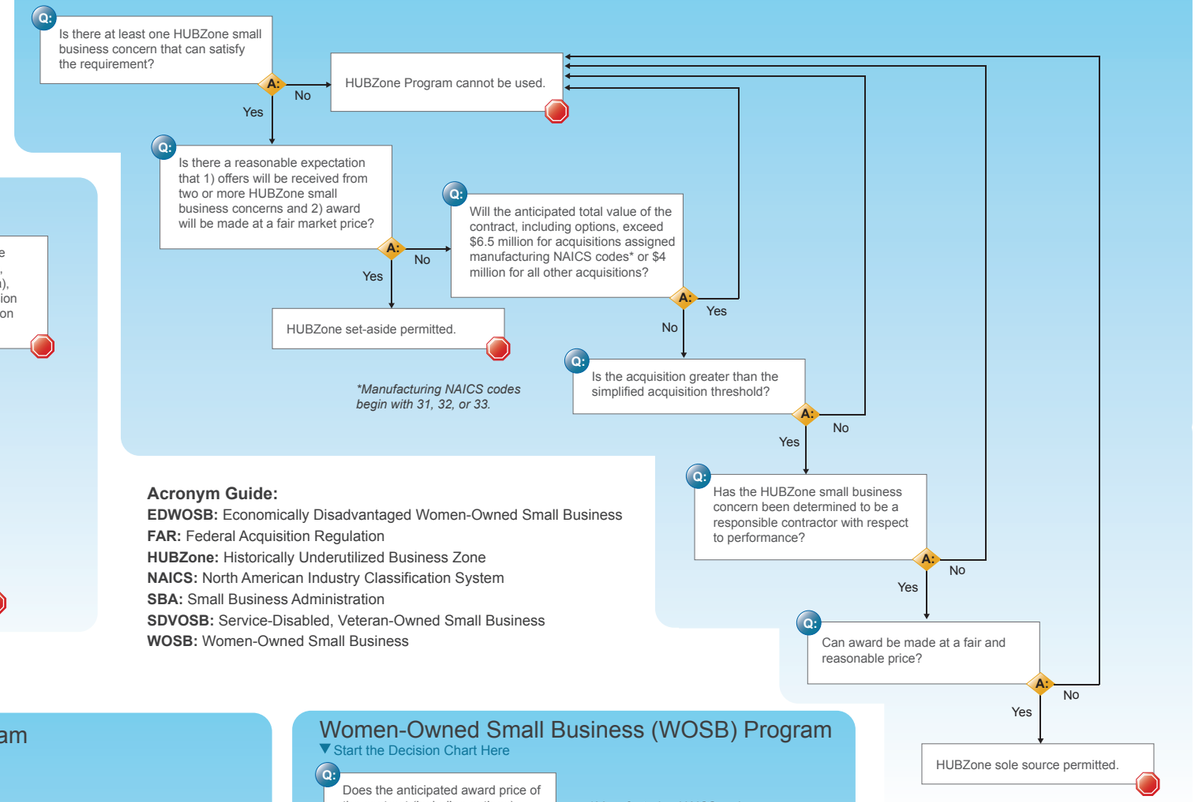

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Acronym Guide:
EDWOSB: Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Business
FAR: Federal Acquisition Regulation
HUBZone: Historically Underutilized Business Zone
NAICS: North American Industry Classification System
SBA: Small Business Administration
SDVOSB: Service-Disabled, Veteran-Owned Small Business
WOSB: Women-Owned Small Business

SBA 8(a) Program

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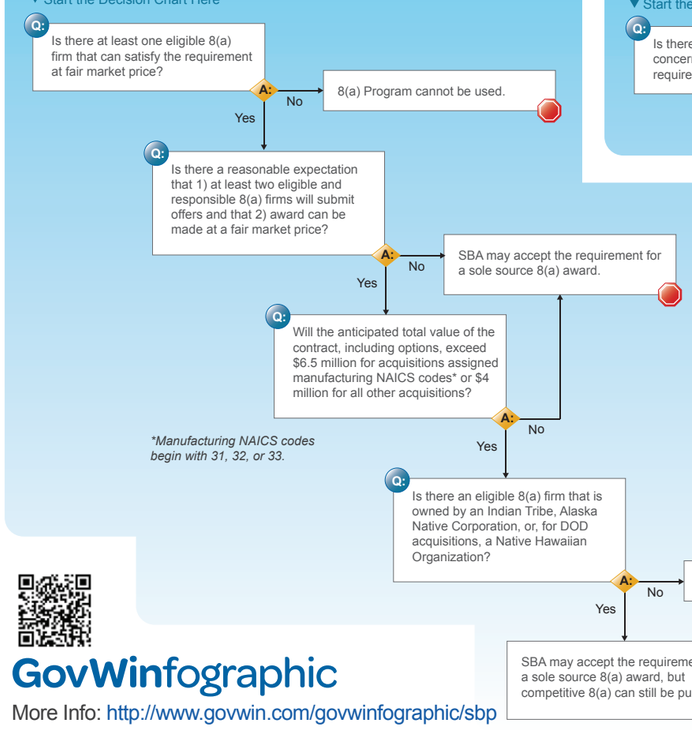

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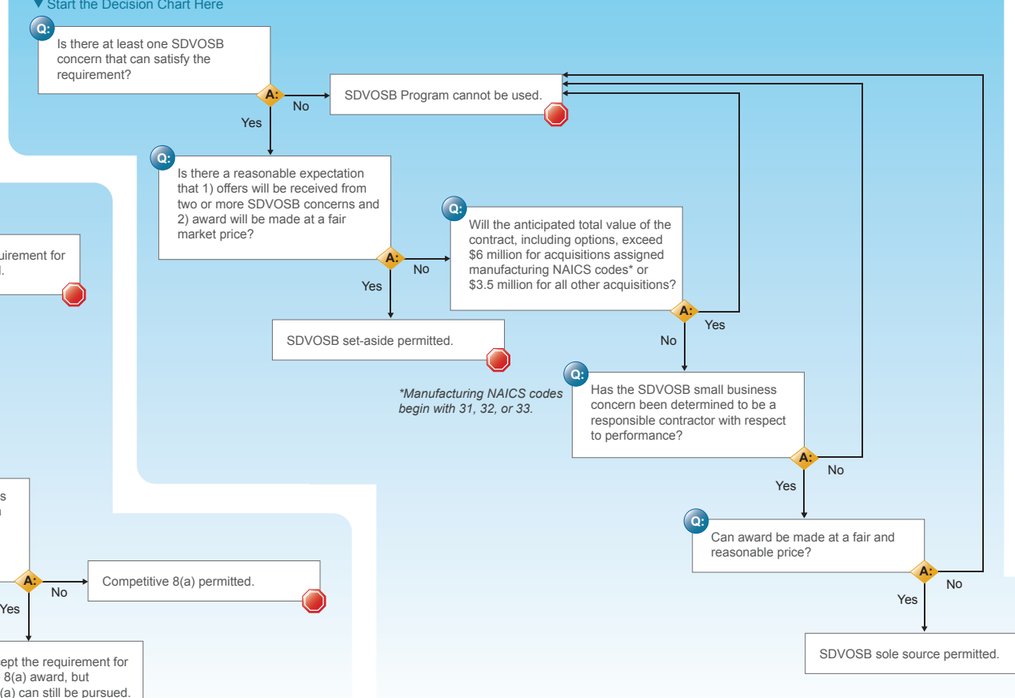

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Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program

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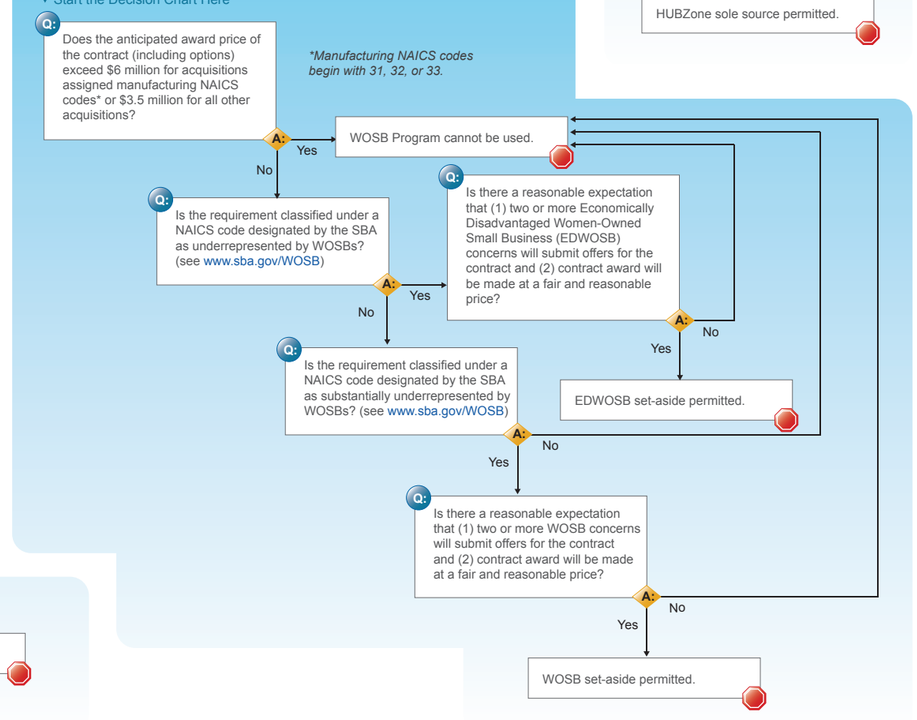

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