

## APPENDIX 16 – DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE RESOURCE LIST

### *Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)*

SBDCs provide businesses with management, marketing, and financial counseling. The centers assist in the development of business and marketing plans, improving business ownership skills, financial analysis of businesses, accessing specialized services including export and government marketing, and other business management needs.

### *Women’s Business Centers (WBC)*

Each WBC provides assistance and/or training in finance, management, marketing, procurement, and the internet, as well as addressing specialized topics such as home-based businesses, corporate executive downsizing, and welfare-to-work. All provide individual business counseling and access to the Small Business Administration’s (SBA’s) programs and services; a number of centers are also intermediaries for the SBA’s MicroLoan and Loan Prequalification programs. Each WBC tailors its programs to the needs of its constituency; many offer programs and counseling in two or more languages.

### *Minority Business Development Centers (MBDC)*

The MBDCs provide business development services to aid in the creation, expansion, and preservation of minority-owned businesses. It is MBDC’s largest client services program and is structured to cover areas that contain approximately 80 percent of the country’s minorities.

### *Native American Business Development Centers*

The Department of Commerce’s Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) established the Native American Program (NAP) to address the special problems of the Native American firms and individuals interested in entering, maintaining, or expanding their efforts in the competitive marketplace.

### *Resources*

- To view a list of over 800 Trade Associations and similar organizations, visit the HUD Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization website at <https://www.hud.gov/stat/sdb/forecast>.
- To locate local SBA district/field offices, SBDCs, and other resources, visit SBA’s website at <https://www.sba.gov/regions/states.html>.
- To locate local MBDA regional offices, MBDCs, and other resources, visit MBDA’s website at <https://www.mbda.gov>.
- Small businesses that are eligible for Federal awards must be registered in a database named System for Award Management (SAM). SAM can provide you with listings of small businesses that offer the products and services that you procure. Visit <https://sam.gov>.
- To facilitate searches for small businesses in particular industries, refer to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Visit the website at <http://naics.com>.
- To assist you in advertising your contracting opportunities, include your upcoming contracting requirements in MBDA’s “Opportunity Database” called Phoenix. Phoenix matches Minority Business Enterprises with contracts and other business opportunities at <https://www.mbda.gov>.