

8(a) Certification Eligibility Checklist

Question	YES ✓	NO ✓
Are you and any other individual claiming disadvantaged status a U.S. citizen?	_____	_____
Have you been discriminated against in the U.S.?	_____	_____
Is your personal net worth under \$250,000? (excluding residence and business)	_____	_____
In general, has your legal record been favorable? (no prior convictions, parole, probation/prison or other similar incidents)	_____	_____
Currently you/your firm are not responsible for any tax liens or unsatisfied judgments?	_____	_____
Do you unconditionally own 51% of the firm applying for the 8(a) program?	_____	_____
Is this your only employment and/or business ownership?	_____	_____
Do you have ultimate managerial accountability for the business?	_____	_____
Can you sign any company checks?	_____	_____
Do you maintain the highest position in the firm?	_____	_____
Has your firm filed Federal business tax returns for the last 2 years reflecting revenues in the industry in which your firm seeks 8(a) certification?	_____	_____
Are you the highest compensated individual in the firm?	_____	_____
Is your firm a small business?	_____	_____
Is your firm current in its payment of operating expenses?	_____	_____
Is your firm current in its payment of payroll taxes?	_____	_____
Is your firm a for-profit business?	_____	_____
Does the Federal government purchase the goods/services offered by your firm?	_____	_____
If your firm sells a product, does it maintain inventory and sell to customers from the inventory?	_____	_____
In your business career, you affirm that you have never been debarred from doing business with the Federal government.	_____	_____

If you responded "Yes" to all of the above questions, you/your firm are good candidates for the 8(a) Business Development program.