

## **8(a) Program Applicants**

Firms considering applying for the 8(a) Business Development Program are encouraged to thoroughly research the eligibility requirements of the program and strongly consider the timing of their application as key to the firm's business development. The most successful 8(a) Program participants are those that have knowledge of federal government contracting procedures and a general understanding of how their service or product fits into the federal marketplace. Business Plans are essential for all firms and 8(a) firms will be required to submit a plan at approval. Click on the links below to access more detailed information, training, and resource partners.

**\*8(a) Program Description and Overview -**

[http://www.sba.gov/va/va\\_va8aoverview.html](http://www.sba.gov/va/va_va8aoverview.html)

**\*Attention 8(a) Applicants -**

[http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/va\\_do\\_files/va\\_Attention8a.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/va_do_files/va_Attention8a.pdf)

**\*Are you eligible for the 8(a) Business Development Program?**

Look over our QUICK-CHECK Eligibility Checklist at

[http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/va\\_do\\_files/va\\_8aeligquickcheck.pdf](http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/va_do_files/va_8aeligquickcheck.pdf)

**\*8(a) Business Development Program Regulations (13 CFR part 124) -**

<http://www.sba.gov/library/cfrs/13cfr124.html>

**\*Online 8(a) Application -** <https://sba8a.symplicity.com/applicants/guide>

**\*Suggested online Training available at SBA website :**

<http://www.sba.gov/services/training/onlinecourses/index.html>