

NASA's Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) is revitalizing the program formerly known as the NASA Mentor-Protégé Program. Now called the NASA Small Business Supplier Development Program, this next-generation evolution is designed to make partnerships easier to start, faster to approve, and more rewarding for mentors, all while building supplier capacity to support current and future missions, including the agency's ambitious Artemis campaign.

At the heart of the revitalized program is a one-step application that replaces all previously used forms, templates, and reports with a single unified package. Everything a mentor and protégé need is now in one place, cutting down on paperwork and confusion. NASA's goal is to review and approve Agreements in under 30 days, faster than ever before. And for Agreements beginning after October 1, 2026, mentors earn 10X credit toward their subcontracting plan goals, providing a significantly greater incentive to participate and invest in emerging suppliers.

Mentors are NASA prime contractors holding at least one contract with an Individual Subcontracting Plan, plus relevant technical and managerial experience. Protégés include small businesses, SB, SDB, 8(a), WOSB, HUBZone, SDVOSB, and VOSB as well as HBCUs, MSIs, and AbilityOne organizations aligned with NASA's mission needs.

To focus developmental assistance where it matters most, NASA is prioritizing key areas such as energy production and infrastructure, nuclear power and propulsion, advanced avionics and communications, specialized materials and components, inhospitable-environment and scaled launch infrastructure, and biomedical and life support.

Getting started is a straightforward four-step process: identify a partner, submit the streamlined application, await NASA review, and receive Agreement approval.

Learn more at www.nasa.gov/osbp/supplier-development-program or email HQ-Supplier-Development@mail.nasa.gov.