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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

13 CFR Parts 121, 127, and 134

RIN 3245-AG06

Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Program

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) proposes to amend its regulations governing small business contracting procedures. This Proposed Rule would amend part 127, that was promulgated in a Final Rule on October 1, 2008, and entitled "The Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures," RIN 3245-AF40. This Proposed Rule would implement procedures authorized by the Small Business Act (Act) (Pub. L. 85-536, as amended) to help ensure a level playing field on which Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs) can compete for Federal contracting opportunities. SBA proposes changes to part 127 that include eliminating the requirement for an agency-by-agency determination of discrimination, adopting both "numbers" and "dollars" measures of underrepresentation, and using the Fiscal Year 2006 Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database as the data source for determining eligible industries under the WOSB Program. This Proposed Rule thus identifies the eligible industries under the Program as those industries in which WOSBs are underrepresented or substantially underrepresented using either the numbers or the dollars approach. This Proposed Rule seeks to retain, for the most part, parts 121 and 134 of the Final Rule published on October 1, 2008, titled "The Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contract Assistance Procedures," RIN 3245-AF40; these portions of the rule govern various implementation procedures of the Program, as more fully discussed below.

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