

Following completion of the investigation to determine whether a vendor has engaged in activities that are cause for debarment, the Director of Procurement and Contracting may debar the vendor. A vendor may be debarred for a period of time commensurate with the seriousness of the offense.

A written notice of debarment must be sent to the debarred vendor. The notice must:

- State the debarment period; and
- Inform the debarred vendor that any person(s) representing the debarred vendor during the debarment period may conduct no business with Mines and that any Solicitation responses received from the debarred vendor during the debarment period shall not be considered.

The debarment period will be effective fourteen (14) days after the notice of debarment is sent to the debarred vendor.

After the debarment period begins, the vendor shall remain debarred until the debarment period specified expires unless a court of competent jurisdiction or the Director of Procurement and Contracting deems otherwise.

**6.3 Master List.** The Office of Procurement and Contracting shall maintain a master list of all suspensions and debarments. The master list containing information concerning suspensions and debarments will be a public record.

## **7.0 LOCAL, SMALL BUSINESS & DONOR BUSINESS PROGRAM**

Successful small businesses have a positive impact on Mines community and it is important that Mines promote a strong diverse business community. Therefore, Mines has established a Local, Small and Donor Business Program whose mission is to maximize the opportunities for Local Business concerns, donor business concerns and small business concerns, including small, disadvantaged businesses, Woman-Owned Businesses, Hub Zone Businesses, historically black colleges/universities and Minority institutions, and veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned businesses to participate in Mines' business of procuring Goods, Services and Construction at all dollar levels.

The following is a summary of provisions included in these procedures that address Local, small or disadvantaged businesses:

- Tie DQ Responses/Bids situations as described in [Section 3.2.5.\(K\)](#).
- Competitive negotiation situations as described in [Section 3.2.6\(D\)](#).

No provision is made in these procedures for set asides or preferences for small

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or disadvantaged businesses. However, Mines would like to maximize opportunities to provide opportunities for all businesses in compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations Sections [19](#) and [52](#). Further, Mines believes it receives direct benefit from its relationships with a diverse vendor base.