

## Alabama Small Business Development Center Network

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Two -Part Workshop: WHAT SMALL BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW –

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE

DETERMINATION OF NAICS CODES AND HOW AFFILIATION AFFECTS SIZE

## **How to determine your NAICS Codes**

Do you know what NAICS Codes mean to your business? It's important because the NAICS Code should describe what your business does, whether it's a manufactured product or a service, and the wrong NAICS Code will lead potential buyers to believe that your company provides or does something else. It also means that notifications sent by Federal data systems will send sources sought notices and solicitations that do not fit your business. This training will help you understand the NAICS Code system so that it will work for you instead of becoming a road-block for business opportunities.

## **How AFFILIATION Affects Your Size**

Affiliation is a very important term to understand for all small businesses. If your company is affiliated with another business, no matter what that business does, the affiliated business revenues or employee counts are added to your company's totals should the SBA seek to determine your size. Which happens when your company receives a size protest. Every time. The rules for affiliation have changed as of June 30, 2016; are you aware how those changes affect your opportunities for small business set asides?

Other changes from June 30, 2016 give small businesses a safe refuge from affiliation from JV partners, even if those partners are large businesses. Come to this training and find out more, because the company's that know this information are safer from size protests and also more likely to obtain the procurements that will be offered by the Federal government in the future.

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