

MEMORANDUM TO JENNIFER O'CONNOR

FROM: Missy Kincaid *Missy*
RE: Request from Friday
DATE: March 7, 1995

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minority
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Harold
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Per your phone call I Friday regarding government contractors, I have learned that the "Procurement Automated Source System" (PASS) is available On-Line and has approximately 240,000 listings. The Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) lists Small Disadvantaged Business (minority) contractors and can be purchased from Eagle Eye Publication. I understand they can produce it in 3 working days for around \$500.00. This list has approximately 15,000 names. Eagle Eye can also provide the list of actual contractors for FY94. The contact our office of Government Procurement uses at Eagle Eye is Timothy Yeane at (703)242-4101.

Both of these computer systems can break down the lists in a variety of ways depending on the use.

I hope this information is useful. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

*John - can you please
do a note to whoever
H met with and give
them this info.*

Thanks

- Jen

THE WHITE HOUSE

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27 February 1995

MEMORANDUM TO JENNIFER O'CONNER

FROM:

Harold Ickes

(14)

SUBJECT:

List of section 8(a) small business
contractors/owners

On 20 February 1995, I met with a group of black members of the DNC's business leadership council several of whom complained that they cannot get a list of the section 8(a) owners/contractors from the Small Business Administration. Can you look into this to see whether this list is accessible. They claim bitterly that Republicans have this list but they, who contribute to the Democratic Party and who are loyal to the President, can't get this list. Perhaps the Republicans have it by other than legal means.

Let me know what you find out.

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6 March 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD HAYES

FROM JENNIFER O'CONNOR

SUBJECT SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SECTION 8(a) PROGRAM

Attached is a letter Weldon Latham faxed to Harold. Is he correct in stating that SBA is contemplating changes not required by Adarand or other law? What's your assessment of his complaint? Please call me at (202)456-6350. Thank you.

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February 29, 1996

Hand Delivery

Honorable Philip Lader
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Re: Support of the Section 8(a) Program

Dear Mr. Administrator: 

I recently read of your letter to Congresswoman Jan Meyers *rejecting* her request to place an immediate moratorium on sole source awards under the Small Business Administration ("SBA") Section 8(a) Program. As you well know, her proposal would have severely and unnecessarily weakened a program that has worked well to provide procurement opportunities for small and minority-owned businesses.

On behalf of the National Coalition of Minority Businesses ("NCMB"), I would like to commend you and your staff for your strong support of the 8(a) Program in this regard. As SBA Administrator your continuing, effective leadership is crucial to attaining the President's goals for the minority business community, including those relating to having Administration appointees that "look like America."

Notwithstanding President Clinton's "Mend it, don't end it" policy, which set a strong positive tone for Federal minority business programs, a number of Executive Branch agencies have failed to diligently support these procurement programs. The October suspension of the Department of Defense ("DoD") Small Disadvantaged Business ("SDB") Program, is perhaps the most dramatic example of this failure, but it has not been the only casualty of this negative environment. The recent SBA report that FY 1996 First Quarter results show significant downturn in 8(a) contract awards, in another example of the "chilling effect" of the aftermath of *Adarand* and the failure to implement the President's unequivocal message in support of MBE programs.

Additionally, there are currently several proposals being circulated in the Republican Congress and by SBA's own Inspector General ("IG") that would eliminate or emasculate all minority business programs. Specifically, the IG's

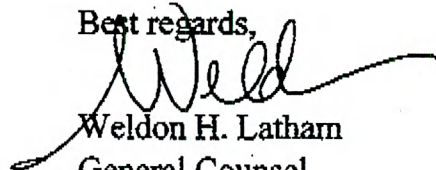
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continuously proposed Section 8(a) Program rule changes and other cut backs would eliminate even the level of support provided during the Reagan/Bush Administrations. Those Republican Administrations, at least, permitted 8(a) companies to grow larger and become successful businesses which employ significant numbers of employees, pay taxes, support minority and non-minority families, enhance business innovation and the international competitiveness.

Given your commitment to the 8(a) and other Federal minority business programs, NCMB thought it important to commend you on your efforts to date, and to seek your support in eliminating rumors that SBA itself, is proposing changes to the 8(a) Program which are neither required by ~~Adarand~~ nor current law. NCMB is committed to assist you in avoiding any program changes that would hurt the minority business community and the Clinton Administration's image with those constituencies.

Again, thank you for your support in preserving the future of the 8(a) Program and opportunities for minority Americans to secure a "fair share" of the Nation's Federal procurements.

Best regards,



Weldon H. Latham
General Counsel

WHL:lh:sl

cc: Honorable Harold Ickes,
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COMMENTS: Per request of Weldon H. Latham

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going on with it*

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