

# 19.813 Protesting an 8(a) participant's eligibility or size status.

(a) The eligibility of an 8(a) participant for a sole source or competitive 8(a) requirement *may* not be challenged by another 8(a) participant or any other party, either to SBA or any administrative forum as part of a bid or other contract protest (see 13 CFR 124.517).

(b) The size status of an 8(a) participant nominated for an 8(a) sole source contract *may* not be protested by another 8(a) participant or any other party.

(c) The size status of the apparent successful *offeror* for competitive 8(a) awards *may* be protested. The filing of a size status protest is limited to-

(1) Any *offeror* whom the *contracting officer* has not eliminated for reasons unrelated to size;

(2) The *contracting officer*; or

(3) The SBA District Director in either the district office serving the geographical area in which the *contracting activity* is located or the district office that services the apparent successful *offeror*, or the Associate Administrator for Business Development.

(d) Protests of competitive 8(a) awards *shall* follow the procedures at [19.302](#). For additional information, refer to 13 CFR 121.1001.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 19.8 - Contracting with the Small Business Administration \(The 8\(a\) Program\)](#)