

**O&M RFP Vendor Questions**  
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Q1. Will MnSCU require a Veteran/SDVOSB firm to prime contract in order to receive the applicable 6% preference?

The TG/ED paragraph indicates that in order for the preference (up to 6%) to apply, the certified TG/ED firm must prime the contract with MnSCU. In the following paragraph it describes the same preference that can be applied for Veteran and/or Service Disabled Veteran Owned (SDVOSB) firms; however, the RFP does not indicate that the Veteran/SDVOSB firm must prime the contract with MnSCU.

A1. Minn. Stat. 16C.16, subd. 6a provides in relevant part:

“...as a condition of awarding a construction contract or approving a contract for professional or technical services, may set goals that require the prime contractor to subcontract a portion of the contract to a veteran-owned small business....The subcontracting requirements of this paragraph do not apply to prime contractors who are veteran-owned small businesses.”

For the purposes of this RFP, either the prime contractor or the subcontractor may be the statutorily-defined Veteran and/or Service Disabled Veteran Owned firm in order to receive the applicable 6% preference, however, the subcontractor must be a material participant in the contract. A material participant is defined as a firm that provides 35% or more of the total labor hours performed under the entire scope of work of the contract, including any amendments or extensions.