

primary or secondary small business development center contractor.

- (2) One contractor shall be retained within each of the following regions:
 - (i) Western: Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties;
 - (ii) Central: Howard, Carroll, Anne Arundel, ~~{Harford, Cecil,}~~ and Baltimore Counties and Baltimore City;
 - (iii) Southern: Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties;
 - (iv) Upper ~~BAY AND~~ Shore: ~~HARFORD, CECIL,~~ Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties;
 - (v) Suburban Washington: Montgomery, Frederick, and Prince George's Counties; and
 - (vi) Lower Shore: Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

(3) (I) ~~{One or more secondary}~~ ~~SECONDARY~~ contractors ~~{may}~~ ~~SHALL~~ be selected to operate satellite small business development centers within ~~{a}~~ ~~EACH~~ region.

(II) A SATELLITE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER OFFICE SHALL BE LOCATED IN HARFORD COUNTY AND IN CECIL COUNTY.

(III) THE SATELLITE OFFICES IN HARFORD COUNTY AND CECIL COUNTY SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH NOT LESS THAN 1 FULL-TIME CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE COUNSELING AND OTHER SERVICES FOR BOTH OFFICES, BASED ON A STANDARD 40-HOUR WORKWEEK.

(IV) IN ANY INSTANCE WHERE A SATELLITE CENTER IS ESTABLISHED, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR THE VOLUME OF SERVICES REQUESTED AND PROVIDED AT THE SATELLITE CENTER TO DETERMINE IF ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO MEET PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

(4) Each contractor shall utilize the expertise of successful business persons, educational institutions, public officials, the Federal Small Business Administration, and other private or public resources to provide extension services to small businesses within the designated region.

(5) The Department shall coordinate with the contractors for each designated area to effectuate the purposes of this subtitle.

(6) ~~{~~Except as specified in subsection (b) of this section, each primary contractor in a region shall receive not less than 8 percent of the funds available to the Department for the Program.

(b) (1) In any case where only 1 secondary contractor is selected, the secondary contractor may not receive less than 5 percent of the total funds available.