

Minimum required percent of goals needed for each rating category	Minimum required points needed for each rating category	Rating categories
At least 77 .....	77-79 .....	Satisfactory
Below 77 .....	Below 77.0 .....	Unsatisfactory

\* Not to exceed 110%.

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The year-to-date performance of an MBDC for Year Three of the award will be based on the following rating system:

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100% and above * .....	100 ** & above .....	Outstanding
At least 90 .....	90-99 .....	Commendable
At least 85 .....	85-89 .....	Good
At least 80 .....	80-84 .....	Satisfactory
Below 80 .....	Below 80.0 .....	Unsatisfactory

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### Funding Availability

MBDA anticipates that a total of approximately \$7.2 million will be available in FY 2004 for Federal assistance under this program. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for this program. In no event will MBDA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if this program fails to receive funding or is canceled because of other agency priorities.

Financial assistance awards under this program may range from \$155,000 to \$346,463 in Federal funding per year based upon minority population, the size of the market and its need for MBDA resources. Applicants must submit project plans and budgets for each of the three years. Projects will be funded for no more than one year at a time. Funding for subsequent years will be at the sole discretion of the Department of Commerce and will depend on satisfactory performance by the recipient, the availability of funds to support the continuation of the project, and Agency priorities.

### Geographic Service Areas

An operator must provide services to eligible clients within its specified geographic service area. MBDA has defined the service area for each award below. To determine its geographic service areas, MBDA uses states, counties, Metropolitan Areas (MA), which comprise metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA), and primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA) as defined by the OMB Committee on MAS <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

*bulletins* and other demographic boundaries as specified herein. Services to eligible clients outside of an operator's specified service area may be requested, on a case-by-case basis, through the appropriate MBDA Regional Director and granted by the Grants Officer.

#### 1. MBDC Application: Georgia Statewide Geographic Service Area: State of Georgia.

*Award Number:* 04-10-04001-01.

The recipient is required to maintain its MBDC in Atlanta, Georgia. Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for each of three 12-month funding periods from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006, is estimated at \$283,058. The total Federal amount is \$240,599. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15% or \$42,459 in non-Federal contributions.

The minimum performance goals for the MBDC are:

*Dollar Value of Transactions:* \$21,023,588.

*Number of Jobs Created:* 65.

*Number of New Clients:* 135.

*Resource Entries:* 281.

*Facilitated Matches:* 7.

*Pre-Application Conference:* For the exact date, time and place, contact the Atlanta National Enterprise Center at (404) 730-3300 or visit MBDA's website at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

For Further Information and a copy of the application kit, contact Robert Henderson, Regional Director.

#### 2. MBDC Application: North Carolina Statewide

*Geographic Service Area:* State of North Carolina.

*Award Number:* 04-10-04002-01.

The recipient is required to maintain its MBDC in Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina. Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for each of three 12-month funding periods from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006, is estimated at \$285,058. The total Federal amount is \$240,599. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15% or \$42,459 in non-Federal contributions.

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#### 3. MBDC Application: Puerto Rico Islandwide

*Geographic Service Area:* Island of Puerto Rico.

*Award Number:* 04-10-04003-01.

The recipient is required to maintain its MBDC in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for each of three 12-month funding periods from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2006, is estimated at \$285,058. The total Federal amount is \$240,599. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15% or \$42,459 in non-Federal contributions.