

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

Minimum required percent of goals needed for each rating category	Minimum required points needed for each rating category	Rating categories
100% and above*	100** and above	Outstanding
At least 90	90–99	Commendable
At least 85	85–89	Good
At least 80	80–84	Satisfactory
Below 80	Below 80	Unsatisfactory

*Not to exceed 110%

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Funding Availability

MBDA anticipates that a total of approximately \$1.6 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 \$287,500 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. NABDC Application: North Carolina/Cherokee/Ashville

Geographic Service Area: Cherokee/Ashville, North Carolina MA.

Award Number: 04–10–04005–01.

The recipient is required to maintain the primary NABDC on the Cherokee reservation and a satellite office in the Ashville, North Carolina MA.

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 \$188,000. The total Federal amount is \$188,000.

The minimum cost share of 15% is not required.

The minimum performance goals for the MBDC are:

Dollar Value of Transactions: \$13,976,471.

Number of Jobs Created: 64.

Number of New Clients: 146.

Resource Entries: 285.

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. NABDC Application: Minnesota Statewide

Geographic Service Area: State of Minnesota.

Award Number: 05–10–04004–01

The recipient is required to maintain its NABDC in Cass Lake, Minnesota.

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 \$160,000. The total Federal amount is \$160,000.

The minimum cost share of 15% is not required.

The minimum performance goals for the NABDC are:

Dollar Value of Transactions: \$12,000,000.

Number of Jobs Created: 55.

Number of New Clients: 125.

Resource Entries: 243.

Facilitated Matches: 6.

Pre-Application Conference: For the exact date, time and place, contact the Chicago National Enterprise Center at (312) 353–0182 or visit MBDA's website at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

For Further Information and a copy of the application kit, contact Carlos Guzman, Acting Regional Director.

3. NABDC Application: New Mexico Statewide

Geographic Service Area: State of New Mexico.

Award Number: 06–10–04005–01.

The recipient is required to maintain its NABDC in Albuquerque, New Mexico. 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 \$188,000. The total Federal amount is \$188,000.

The minimum cost share of 15% is not required.

The minimum performance goals for the NABDC are:

Dollar Value of Transactions: \$13,976,471.

Number of Jobs Created: 64.

Number of New Clients: 146.

Resource Entries: 285.

Facilitated Matches: 7.

Pre-Application Conference: For the exact date, time and place, contact the Dallas National Enterprise Center at (214) 767–8001 or visit MBDA's website at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

For Further Information and a copy of the application kit, contact John F. Iglehart, Regional Director.

4. NABDC Application: Oklahoma Statewide

Geographic Service Area: State of Oklahoma.

Award Number: 06–10–04007–01.

The recipient is required to maintain its NABDC in Tulsa, Oklahoma.